

MASTER OF
KUNG FU™

MARVEL® COMICS GROUP



30¢
©

56
SEPT
02449



©1977 MARVEL COMICS GROUP

THE HANDS OF SHANG-CHI, MASTER OF KUNG FU

SHANG-CHI--
STALKED BY
THE MOST
SAVAGE FOE
OF ALL!



DEATH
IS THE
BLACK
NINJA!

09



624490248671

0

JOIN J. S. C. A. JOLLY GIANT FOR
Prizes or Cash
 THE SKY'S THE LIMIT!



THE FONZ RADIO
 Sell Only 1 Order



COX SKYMASTER
 Sell Only 1 Order

ELECTRONIC DIGITAL
 WRISTWATCH
 Sell Only 2 Orders



ELECTRONIC MEMORY
 CALCULATOR
 Sell Only 1 Order



SKILCRAFT
 ILLUMINATED
 MICROSCOPE
 Sell Only 1 Order



RADIO CONTROLLED
 PORSCHE RACER
 Sell Only 2 Orders



SUPER POWER HAIR
 BLOWER
 Sell Only 1 Order



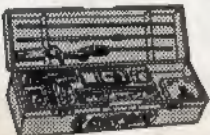
POCKET CB SCANNER
 Sell Only 1 Order



24" ACTION TAIL SKATE
 BOARD
 Sell Only 1 Order



GIRLS DIGITAL SPORT
 WATCH
 Sell Only 1 Order



SPIN FISHING OUTFIT
 Sell Only 1 Order



WALKIE-TALKIES (WITH
 CODE SENDER)
 Sell Only 1 Order

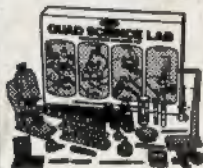


INSTANT LOAD FLASH
 CAMERA OUTFIT
 Sell Only 1 Order

BARBIE DISCO PHONO
 (WITH SING-ALONG
 MICROPHONE)
 Sell Only 2 Orders



TRANSISTORIZED
 INTERCOM SET
 Sell Only 1 Order



SKILCRAFT QUAD
 SCIENCE SET
 Sell Only 1 Order



ELECTRIC PIN BALL
 GAME
 Sell Only 1 Order



TESTOR'S FUNNY CAR
 (WITH ACCESSORIES)
 Sell Only 1 Order



NYLON SLEEPING BAG
 Sell Only 1 Order



POLAROID CLINCHER
 COLOR CAMERA
 Sell Only 2 Orders



RACCOON RADIO
 Sell Only 1 Order



CASSETTE TAPE
 RECORDER
 Sell Only 2 Orders



NYLON TRAIL TENT
 Sell Only 2 Orders



1-MAN BOAT KIT
 Sell Only 1 Order



TELSTAR TV GAME
 Sell Only 3 Orders



SPALDING TENNIS SET
 Sell Only 1 Order



TYCO DIESEL FREIGHT
 Sell Only 2 Orders



GLASS BOW ARCHERY
 Sell Only 1 Order



BIKE CB WITH AM
 RADIO
 Sell Only 2 Orders



RALLY SPORT WATCH
 Sell Only 1 Order



Fill in coupon, cut out, place in envelope & mail

WE PAY POSTAGE!

Join the Jolly J. S. C. A. Giant for Big Prizes or Cash

Enroll now as a member of the Junior Sales Club of America. We'll send you a Free Prize Catalog, Membership Card, full selling information plus your first order of 12 boxes of lovely All Occasion Greeting Cards or sensational new Christmas Cards. As each order is sold, you may reorder additional cards until you've met your prize requirements. Cards are sent on credit. **YOU PAY NOTHING IN ADVANCE.**

Each box of 18 fine quality greeting cards cost just \$2.00. That is about 11¢ a card. Think of all the people you know — relatives, friends, neighbors — who'll want to buy these handsome cards by the box. Many J.S.C.A. members have earned a prize in only a few hours. **IF YOU WISH, YOU MAY TAKE AS YOUR PRIZE 70¢ FOR EACH BOX YOU SELL.**

Here's all you have to do to receive your first order of greeting cards. Cut out postage-free label and paste on any envelope. Fill in coupon, place in envelope and mail. You may take up to 30 days to sell them. If after that time you have any boxes unsold, promptly return them prepaid by parcel post, keeping 70¢ for each box sold.

Get the prizes you want the fast, easy J.S.C.A. way. Act now!

Junior Sales Club of America

Dept. 77MC-6, Springfield, Mass. 01101

Send me my first order of 12 Greeting Card Boxes to sell as checked below

Check one only: ☐ Christmas Cards ☐ All Occasion Cards

Name _____

Print Clearly

Address _____ Apt. No. _____

City _____

State _____ Zip _____

CUT OUT POSTAGE-FREE LABEL - PASTE ON ANY ENVELOPE

FIRST CLASS
 Permit No. 3105
 SPRINGFIELD
 MASSACHUSETTS

BUSINESS REPLY CARD

No Postage Stamp Necessary if Mailed in the United States

Postage will be paid by

Junior Sales Club of America

DEPT. 77MC-6
 SPRINGFIELD, MASSACHUSETTS 01101

"Call me Shang-Chi, as my *father* did, when he raised me and molded my mind and my body in the vacuum of his Honan, China retreat. I learned many things from my father. Since then, I have learned that my father is **Dr. Fu Manchu**, the most insidiously evil man on earth...and that to *honor* him would bring nothing but *dishonor* to the spirit of my *name*."

Stan Lee
PRESENTS:

MASTER OF KUNG FU!™

Featuring supporting characters created by SAX ROHMER

OF HEROES PAST AND BATTLES PRESENT!

"WE ARE FACED WITH ATTACK FROM ALL SIDES, EACH ASSASSIN POSING DEATH OF A DIFFERENT FACE. BUT DO WE STAND AGAINST AN ARMY OF WARRIORS FROM THE PAST...OR ONE MAN, WITH A MIND SHATTERED INTO MANY DIFFERENT MASKS OF MADNESS? WHATEVER THE ANSWER, A GREATER DANGER CHALLENGES US: IN PERIL, LEUNG'S LIFE HANGS AT THE HEART OF CHAOS."



MOENCH/SCRIPT * CRAIG/PENCILS * TARTAG/INKS * WOHL/LETTERS * RACHE/COLORS * GOODWIN/EDITING

MASTER OF KUNG FU™ published by MARVEL COMICS GROUP, James E. Gilton, President. Stan Lee, Publisher. OFFICE OF PUBLICATION: 575 MADISON AVENUE, NEW YORK, N.Y. 10022. Published monthly. Copyright ©1977 by Marvel Comics Group. A Division of Cadence Industries Corporation. All rights reserved 575 Madison Avenue, New York, N.Y. 10022. Vol. 1, No. 56, September, 1977 issue. Price 30¢ per copy in the U.S. and Canada. Subscription rate \$4.00 for 12 issues. Canada, \$5.00. Foreign, \$6.00. No similarity between any of the names, characters, persons, and/or institutions in this magazine with those of any living or dead person or institution is intended, and any such similarity which may exist is purely coincidental. Printed in the U.S.A. This periodical may not be sold except by authorized dealers and is sold subject to the conditions that it shall not be sold or distributed with any part of its cover or markings removed, nor in a mutilated condition. SHANG-CHI (including all prominent characters featured in the issue), and the distinctive likenesses thereof, are trademarks of the MARVEL COMICS GROUP.



--AND THAT'S THE STORY, CHI, IN A DECIDEDLY APPROPRIATE NUTSHELL.

"RESTON HAS BEEN STRANGELY CALM DURING THE TALE OF HIS FIGHT WITH A MAN CLAIMING TO BE ROBIN HOOD.

THEN YOU THINK THE ONE WHO ATTACKED LEIKO AND ME-- WHO CALLED HIMSELF ATILA-- IS SOMEHOW RELATED TO THIS ROBIN HOOD?

WELL, IN TERMS MY GREAT-UNCLE MIGHT HAVE USED, LET'S JUST SAY IT'S NOT AN IMPOSSIBILITY RIPE FOR ELIMINATION, NOR IS IT EVEN VERY IMPROBABLE.

RIGHT. SO EITHER WE'RE UP AGAINST A GROUP USING COSTUMES AND A ZANY M.O. AS A DISGUISE AND DIVERSION, OR A SINGLE BLOKE, CHANGING COSTUMES, WHO REALLY BELIEVES HE IS THESE WARRIORS FROM THE PAST.

AFTER ALL, THERE ARE SEVERAL GLARING SIMILARITIES HERE AND THERE--THE ANCIENT WEAPONS JUICED-UP WITH MODERN TECHNOLOGY, FOR EXAMPLE.

BUT EVEN IF IT IS A LONE, DERANGED ASSASSIN, TARR, THE SOPHISTICATION OF HIS GEAR SUGGESTS ORGANIZED SPONSORSHIP..

--BACKING WORTHY OF FU MANCHU HIMSELF... IF I DIDN'T KNOW HE WAS DEAD.

I AM NOT SO CERTAIN, RESTON, THAT MY FATHER IS DEAD.

IT'S A MOOT POINT ANYWAY, CHI. MY OWN THEORY WOULD'VE FAVORED SOMEONE LIKE MORDILLO, AS OBSESSED WITH SUCH DEADLY "TOYS" AS HE WAS, WHO ALSO KIDNAPPED LEIKO-- BUT OF COURSE MORDILLO IS DEFINITELY DEAD.

"LIKE ME, RESTON CLINGS TO THE HOPE OF MERE CAPTURE, REFUSING TO VOICE THE POSSIBILITY THAT LEIKO HAS BEEN SLAIN."

BUT THE IDENTITY OF THE BACKERS IS IRRELEVANT AT THIS STAGE.

RIGHT NOW, WE HAVE TO PUT OUR HEADS TOGETHER AND CONCENTRATE ON DEDUCING WHO THIS WARRIOR, OR WARRIORS, COULD BE-- BEFORE WE CAN EVEN BEGIN SEARCHING FOR LEIKO.

"AS WE LEAVE HER FLAT, IT SEEMS... TOO EMPTY, NOT EVEN HAUNTED BY HER PRESENCE."

WELL, WHOEVER THEY ARE, IF THEY HIT AT YOU THREE, THEY'RE LIKELY AFTER ME AS WELL. BUT SINCE ALMOST NO ONE KNOWS ABOUT MY ROOM AT THE SAVOY--

--I SUGGEST WE PUT OUR HEADS TOGETHER OVER THERE... BEFORE BLOODY TARZAN THE APEMAN ATTACKS US NEXT.

I DOUBT IF WE HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT TARZAN, OR ANY OTHER FICTIONAL BRUTE.

MY GUESS IS THAT WE'LL HAVE TO STEEL OURSELVES FOR HIS-TORY'S REAL BLOOD-LETTERS, BLOKES LIKE HITLER AND GERONIMO... OR EVEN--

--SAINT GEORGE, THE NOBLE SLAYER OF HELLISH SAURIANS!

DO YOU HEAR ME, FAIR DAMSEL?! YOU ARE THE PRIZE OF SAINT GEORGE, WHO WITH THE DEVOUT FLAMES OF HIS LANCE DID SLAY THE FEARSOME DRAGON OF THE GOLDEN LEGEND!

STILL NOT SURE WHAT HE WANTS WITH ME, BUT AT LEAST I KNOW HE'S OUT OF HIS MIND.

HIGH SCHOOL

DIPLOMA

RING



YOURS

THROUGH HOME STUDY

PREPARE FOR GED OR COLLEGE ENTRANCE

United Schools and Services

401 N. Interurban Richardson, Texas 75080

Texts Purchased By: Departments of Education • Private Schools • Colleges

Mail This Coupon NOW For Persons 16 or Over

UNITED SCHOOLS AND SERVICES Dept. M 897
Box 1088, Richardson, Texas 75080

Please Rush FREE information about High School.

Name _____ Age _____

Address _____ Apt. _____

City/State/Zip _____

No Salesman Will Call

GIANT COMIC BOOK CATALOG #6

Send 75c for your catalog to GRAND BOOK, INC., DEPT. M, 656 GRAND ST., B'KLYN, N.Y. 11211
More than ONE MILLION comics from all publishers in stock. To sell comics, send a list of titles, numbers, conditions and asking prices along with a self addressed stamped envelope.

Be a LOCKSMITH!
EARN WHILE YOU LEARN
Send for FREE BOOK
Locksmithing Institute, Dept. 1295-087
Liv. Technical Home Study Schools, Little Falls, N.J. 07424

Big opportunities. Big profits. Earn quickly. Full or part time. Learn at home, it's easy. Do real jobs: All Tools—Materials Supplied. Accredited member NHSC. Lic. State of NJ—Appd. for Vet. Send name and address for FREE book.

CARTOON FOR \$\$\$\$\$
Make Money at home with simple drawings!! Fun!! Big Free Book!! Send 35c for postage/handling: Cartoon-E, Box 40614, Detroit, MI 48240
FREE BOOK

FREE COMIC CATALOG
Send NOW for our latest list of Marvel and DC Comics for sale.
RICHARD ALF, BOX 20622-ME, SAN DIEGO, CA 92120

AN ATLAS BODY IN 7 DAYS
my method of DYNAMIC-TENSION starts giving results you can feel—add pounds of big muscles—lose "pot belly." Send name address for my 32 page book—FREE.
CHARLES ATLAS
49 W. 23rd St., New York N.Y. 10010, Dept. 606

JOIN THE GOLD RUSH
Now you too can own your own Piece of Gold. These genuine "Mexican Gold Peso Tokens" are available to all prospectors at \$4.65 ea. 100 that's right, 100 old mixed "Wheaties" \$4.75. "Old Indian Pennies" \$1.40 each.
A & I COINS 199 East Ridgewood Ave.
Ridgewood, New Jersey 07450
EVERY ORDER GETS A FREE GIFT

We BUY and SELL COMICS
Over 800,000 copies in stock. 1938 to present issues. We are well known as specialists in Marvel and DC comics. Send 50c for our Big Illustrated buying and selling comic catalog.
Clin's Comics, 3943-M Main, Kansas City, Mo. 64111

This Voucher Worth \$20 Off On Giant Library Size Authentic \$39.95 Webster Dictionary
Student Special—8-pound, 1,454 page 158,000 definitions. Includes 300 page Encyclopedic supplement with a 51,000 word Thesaurus of Synonyms and Antonyms. Mail only \$19.95 plus \$2.25 freight and crating. Free 14 day home trial. If not 100% pleased, return (we pay return freight) for full refund. Or use your Dad's credit card. (Allow 3 to 8 wks. del.)
Name _____ Master Charge, BankAmericard, Am Ex Card No. _____
Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____ Expiry Date _____
MAIL TO: WEBSTER REFERENCE, SUITE 500, 625 N. MICHIGAN AVE., CHICAGO, ILL. 60611

JOHN BUSCEMA, WANTS NEW STUDENTS! NEW YORK CLASS IN -COMIC BOOK ART- ALSO NEW COURSE IN COMIC BOOK WRITING, STAN LEE, GUEST LECTURER.
FOR DETAILS, SEND NAME & ADDRESS TO: **JOHN BUSCEMA, P.O. BOX 349 EAST SETAUKET NEW YORK 11753**

COMIC BOOKS
Buying - Selling
MAJOR COMICS IN STOCK
LARGE CATALOG 50c
Includes Samples & 2.00 Credit!
JACK HUNT
BOX 194M
KENMORE, N.Y. 14217
Marvel, D.C., Golden Age...

FREE ONE MILLION \$ CASH \$
Fool all your friends. You'll get a Million \$\$\$ worth of laughs with these exact reproductions of old U. S. Gold Banknotes (1840). They're yours FREE when you send for our brand new "FUN CATALOG." Send only 35c (coin) for shipping.
THE FUN HOUSE
BOX 1225-MC • NEWARK, N. J. 07101

MARVEL COMICS SALE! FREE LIST!
Over 1-1/2 Million Marvels priced at Good, Fine, and Mint Condition! Low Prices, Fast Service & Bonus Offers!
Collector King, Box 327M, Penfield, NY 14526

POEMS WANTED For SONGS & RECORDS
All types wanted by **AMERICA'S LARGEST SONG STUDIO**. Free examination. We'll tell you if they qualify. Send poems to: **FIVE STAR MUSIC MASTERS, 101 Tremont St., Dept. 30, Boston, Mass. 02108**

Bought ESTELL COMICS Sold
Want low prices, fast service, great choice of Marvel & D.C. Comics and a letter of acknowledgement with every order? Send 25c for both our Catalogs and an Estell Buck worth 25c on your first purchase. Estell Comics, Box 23442, San Diego, CA 92123

MARKET PLACE

For ad rates write Classified, 100 E. Ohio, Chicago

OF INTEREST TO ALL

★ **AMAZE, FOOL FRIENDS.** "Super-Giant" Magic catalog 25c. Abracadabra-CM7, Rahway, N.J. 07065

★ **100 DIFFERENT SCANDINAVIAN STAMPS \$1.00.** 400 - \$5.00. Morabi Almedo, 2224-C First Avenue, Hibbing, Minn. 55746.

★ **HILARIOUS DIXIE DICTIONARY.** \$1.50. Al-man's, Box 8205, Montgomery, Alabama 36110.

★ **FREE STAMPS, STAMP SHIRT.** Catalogue, 13c mailing. Stamps, Box 118McG, Brooklyn, NY 11210.

★ **DETECTIVE COURSE.** Free information. Universal Detectives, Box 8180BB, Universal City, CA 91608.

★ **POEMS SET TO MUSIC.** Nashville Music Productions, Box 40001-CG, Nashville, Tenn. 37204.

★ **ENTERTAIN WITH MAGIC.** Tricks, Novelties!! Giant 64 Page Catalog—25c (50c credit coupon enclosed). Magic, Box 482-QC2, Rockville, Md. 20850.

★ **WRIST RADIOS!** Sharp, Light, Great Tone. \$12.00. Radio, Box 11, Atlanta, GA 30301.

★ **POLICE INVESTIGATIVE** schematics and equipment listing... Don-Q, Box 548-CC, Seattle, Wash. 98111.

★ **STUNNING TRICKS** revealed using cards, numbers, electronics. \$1.00. Al-man House, Box 8205, Montgomery, Alabama 36110.

MONEY MAKING OPPORTUNITIES

★ **HOME IMPROV** Mail Order Business. Free report. Meilinger, Dept. E1950, Woodland Hills, CA 91367.

★ **BIG MONEY!! EASY, IMMEDIATELY!** Stuff Envelopes At Home. Free Supplies! Send 25c. Profit. B725-QJ7, Belen, N.M. 87002.

★ **\$175.00 WEEKLY** correcting pupils' lessons! Samples. \$1.00! Castle's, 507-C/L Fifth, New York City 10017.

★ **HOMEWORK! BIG MONEY** Addressing, mailing envelopes. Exciting offer 10c. Lino, 3836-C Peterson, Chicago 60639.

★ **\$800.00 PER MONTH POSSIBLE.** Send \$1.00 for sample of CB radio related product. BUB Enterprises, Box 3972, Bryan, Texas 77801.

★ **EARN 21% INTEREST!** Details 35c. Interest (91175), 232 Front, Napoleon, Ohio 43545.

★ **EXTRA MONEY SPARE TIME.** Easy Home Work. Free Details. Send Stamped Addressed Envelope. Tony, 459 Cove Road, Pennsauken, NJ 08110.

★ **900 PROFITABLE BUSINESSES!** Details 35c. Businesses (91175), 232 Front, Napoleon, Ohio 43545.

★ **\$3000.00 MONTHLY.** Immediate Income. Stuff envelopes at home. Information, send self-addressed stamped envelope. Cottage, Box 730-CFP, Baldwin Park, CA 91708.

PERSONAL - MISCELLANEOUS

★ **NEED A PEN PAL?** We can provide you a list of people of both sexes and add your name to the list. Send your name, age, address, and \$2.00 to: 7101 Garland, Lincoln, Neb.

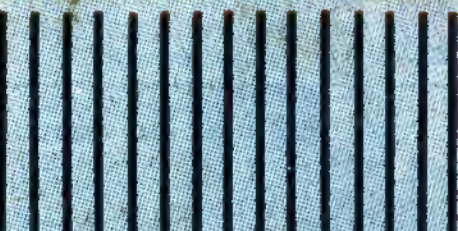
★ **PETRIFIED WOOD! ANCIENT. WOW!** If only Trees could talk. Order your specimen now. 1 - \$3.95; 2 - \$7.50. Add 50c shipping. Send check, money order to: Ellensburg Agate, P.O. Box 701, Ellensburg, Wash. 98926.

JOIN THE **YOUTH OPPORTUNITY SALES CLUB!** IT'S EASY TO EARN

SUPER PRIZES



FIRST CLASS
Permit No. 2661
ST. LOUIS, MO.



BUSINESS REPLY MAIL
NO POSTAGE NECESSARY IF MAILED IN U.S.

POSTAGE WILL BE PAID BY
YOUTH OPPORTUNITY SALES CLUB
Y.O.S.C.

P.O. BOX 530
ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI 63166

TMV-08-17

..... FOLD BACK ON DOTTED LINE (TAPE OR PASTE DOWN)

MY NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____

STATE _____ ZIP _____



EASY! FUN! Get these and many, many other valuable famous name prizes—or cash—simply by selling beautiful **Y.O.S.C. IMPRINTED CHRISTMAS CARDS and GIFTS!** Proven popular, they are a snap to sell. Here's how...

Your **Y.O.S.C. Membership** is **FREE!** And your **Y.O.S.C. Sample Album** is **FREE!**—it's yours to keep! It contains samples of **Y.O.S.C.** products your neighbors, friends and family will order quick! We never send you merchandise in advance. As a member of **Y.O.S.C.** you never have to worry about how to pay for or return merchandise you don't sell!

Y.O.S.C. CARDS and GIFTS are **SUPER!** They are of such high quality that almost all you have to do is show your eye-catching sample album—and take orders. Cards sell for as little as 10¢ per card to your customer. With values like these, think how easy your sales will be. Sell enough to get the prizes you want—or keep \$1.00 per box!

EARN SUPER PRIZES! Just fill in and mail-return coupon. No postage required. We'll send you your **FREE Sample Album, FREE Y.O.S.C. Membership Card** and **FREE Catalog of Prizes**—at no cost to you. No obligation. **JOIN Y.O.S.C. TODAY!**

CUT OUT! FILL IN! FOLD BACK!
TAPE DOWN! MAIL NOW! NO STAMP NEEDED!

DON'T DELAY! EARN SUPER PRIZES NOW!
MAIL COUPON TODAY!

THE WOMAN IS
EVER THE PRIZE OF MEN
WHOSE HEARTS ARE
FORGED IN THE GLORY OF
BATTLE--EVEN AS I
SAVED THE FRANKS AT
THE BATTLE OF ANTI-
OCH AND--



WAIT A MINUTE.
WHAT AM I DOING?
WHAT AM I SAYING?
I'M NOT SAINT
GEORGE.



I--I'M... WAR-YORE.
WAR-YORE? BUT... IS
EVEN HE WHO I REALLY
AM? NO... SOMEHOW I
DO THINK SO... BUT THEN,
IF NOT, AM I VLAD
DRACUL--?



HE... REALLY IS OUT OF
HIS MIND-- UTTERLY
CONFUSED.

OR AM I HROLF
KRAKI, THE LEGEND-
ARY VIKING REAVER?
IF SO... WHAT WOULD A
NORSEMAN BE DOING IN
THIS MEDIEVAL BRITISH
DUNGEON?

WAIT! I'VE GOT IT! I
KNOW WHO I AM! I'M
SLAUGHTER--ERIC
SLAUGHTER!!



AND... AND
I'M... ILL...



"SO VERY, VERY ILL.
SCHIZOID, I IMAGINE
"SO VERY ILL I SOME-
TIMES DON'T KNOW
WHO I REALLY--

EH--?

GOOD LORD!! WHO
ARE YOU? WHAT
ARE YOU DOING
HERE?!



IT--IT'S AS IF
HE REALLY DIDN'T
KNOW I WAS HERE--
AS IF HE'S SEEING ME
FOR THE VERY FIRST TIME
IN HIS LIFE!





OH, MY GOD! YOU POOR, POOR CHILD!
LORD SAVE ME! LORD FORGIVE ME!

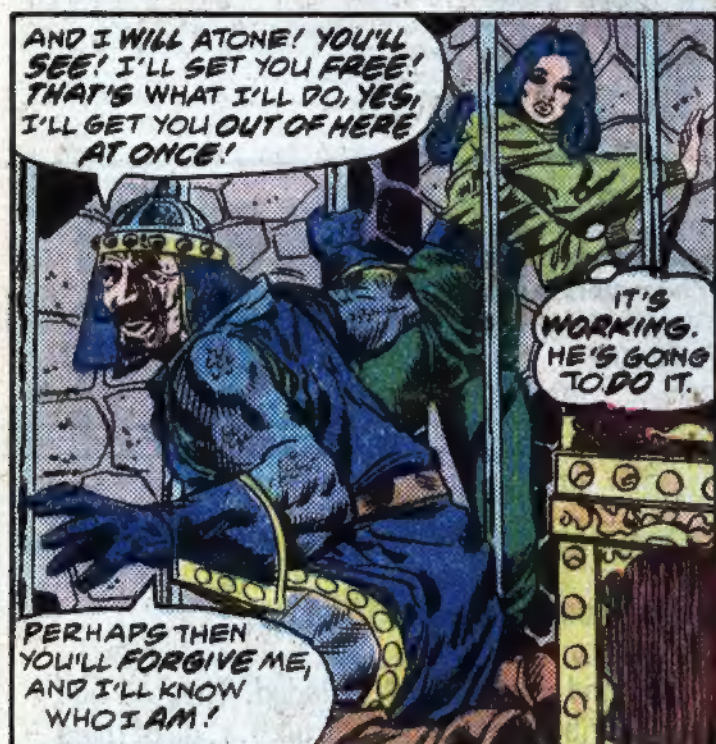
WHAT HAVE
I DONE TO YOU
IN THE TEMPEST
OF MY FITFUL
DELUSIONS?



INCREDIBLE! HE'S
ACTUALLY FEELING
REMORSE NOW.

NO! DON'T TELL ME!
PLEASE DON'T!! I DON'T
WANT TO KNOW WHAT I'VE
DONE. I COULDN'T BEAR
IT. I ONLY WISH TO ATONE
FOR MY UNFORGIVABLE
SINS!

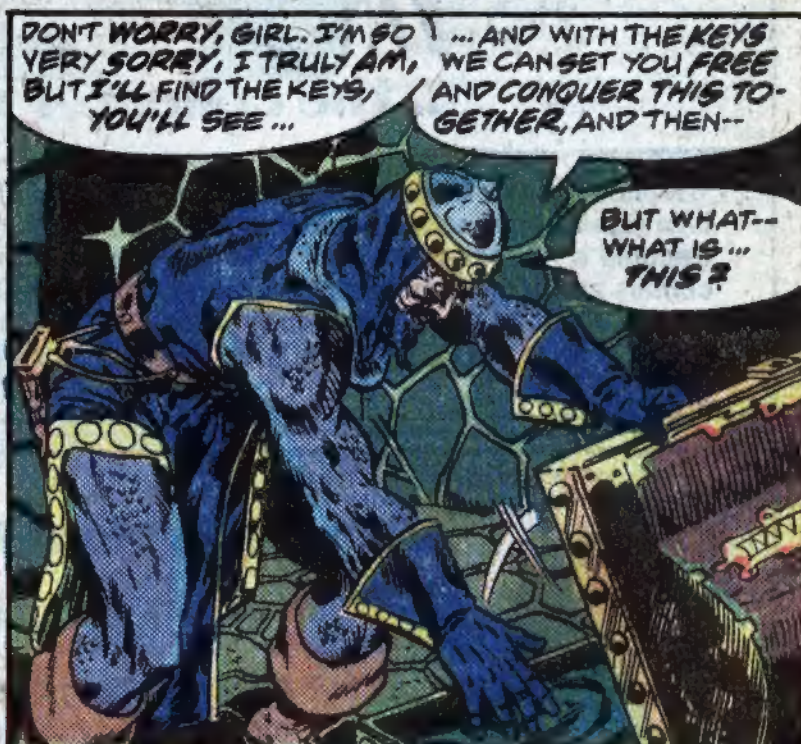
BETTER NOT SAY
ANYTHING. DON'T WANT
TO SHATTER HIS SPELL.



AND I WILL ATONE! YOU'LL
SEE! I'LL SET YOU FREE!
THAT'S WHAT I'LL DO, YES,
I'LL GET YOU OUT OF HERE
AT ONCE!

IT'S
WORKING.
HE'S GOING
TO DO IT.

PERHAPS THEN
YOU'LL FORGIVE ME,
AND I'LL KNOW
WHO I AM!



DON'T WORRY, GIRL. I'M SO
VERY SORRY, I TRULY AM,
BUT I'LL FIND THE KEYS,
YOU'LL SEE ...

... AND WITH THE KEYS
WE CAN SET YOU FREE
AND CONQUER THIS TO-
GETHER, AND THEN--

BUT WHAT--
WHAT IS ...
THIS?



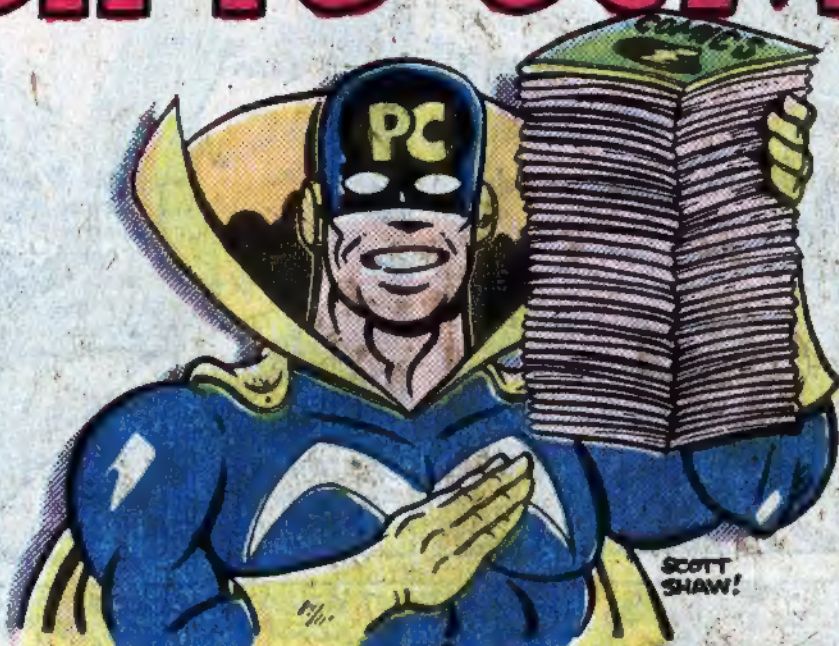
SAYYY...
NOW I
REMEMBER.

YES, NOW I
KNOW WHO
I AM.



I AM THE ONE KNOWN AS THE SLAYER--
IN DARKNESS-- NINJA FROM THE
IMPERIAL COURT OF EMPEROR SHIRA-
KAWA-- AND I HAVE A SACRED MISSION
TO PERFORM-- A MISSION OF GIRI!

SO CLOSE... SO
CLOSE... BUT NOW...
HE'S COMPLETELY
FORGOTTEN.

The logo for Pacific Comics, featuring the words "PACIFIC COMICS" in a large, bold, stylized font. The letters are filled with a yellow-to-red gradient and have a thick black outline.

...the collector's best friend.

1/2 Million Comics in stock!!! New 100 pg. Comic Catalogue now available. Illustrated by top comic book artists. Full Color Cover by Frank Frazetta. Become a Super Collector! This is the most complete catalogue on comics and related materials available, lists events & characters, artists issues. Send \$1.00 for your copy Today! (Refundable with 1st order.)
P.O. BOX 99217 • SAN DIEGO, CALIF. 92109

Pacific Comics



Remember How Many Times You Felt Left Out Because You Were BROKE!

Places the gang was going and you weren't included. They all had money for movies, games, hamburgers and soft drinks . . . all of them except you.

WE'LL YOU'LL NEVER BE LEFT OUT AGAIN

Now YOU Can Make \$2, \$5, \$10 or More Week After Week

Introduce GRIT

GRIT will Help You Start Your Own Business

You will be sent papers to sell, supplies and selling helps. You pay for nothing in advance so you don't risk a penny. You pay only for the papers you sell until you know how many to order. You have everything to gain—nothing to lose—by starting your own GRIT business. Over 30,000 young persons all over America now sell GRIT. You'll have steady profits and win free prizes regularly.

HURRY!
SIGN UP NOW

**FILL OUT AND MAIL
THIS COUPON IN AN
ENVELOPE TODAY**

Papers sent only in the continental U.S.

**America's Greatest Family Weekly Newspaper to
Friends, Relatives, Neighbors and Others**

Print Name and Address Below

GENT PUBLISHING CO., WILLIAMSBURG, Pa. 17701

MC 87

I'd like to sell GRIT for profits and prizes

Name _____

Male or Female? Age Date Born Year

In Care Of

Street and No. R. F. D.

Post Office _____ State _____

Zip 00000-0000

[illegible][illegible]

Let Joe Weider build you a better body for just \$798

Get my new \$18.98 "Power-X" Muscle Up kit for only \$7.98...while they last!

This giant kit features my famous "Power-X" Muscle Builder that can help you add inches of solid muscle to your arms, deepen your chest, broaden your shoulders, slim your waistline, powerize your legs and give you that muscular, handsome body you've always craved. All within the privacy of your own home. And that's only the beginning of what you'll be receiving in the mail for just \$7.98.

PLUS... My 4 Training Manuals—Spring, Summer, Winter and Fall—containing a whole year of exciting muscle-building "secrets" in 20 muscle-building courses.

PLUS... My Nutrition Guide, showing you how to eat either for gaining weight and muscles or slimming down.

PLUS... My Muscle Builder Magazine, where the Champs tell you—in detail—how they made it.

PLUS... A FREE \$5.00 Gift Certificate entitling you to purchase any of my famous muscle builders or food supplements.

AND, OF COURSE... My "Power-X" Muscle Builder. Proven to work by champions

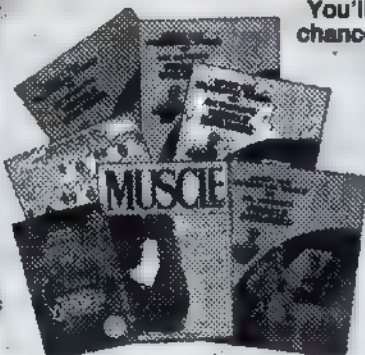
My methods work. They have been proven time and again since 1936—when I first started training champions. And since then, almost every Mr. America and Mr. Universe has been trained by me. The techniques I taught them, I can teach you, too. I'll show you how to avoid pitfalls, training errors and wasted time. I'll reveal the secrets of achieving one of the greatest-looking, most muscular bodies in the world. I'll put you on the exact training program I use for my Mr. America and Mr. Universe champions. And you'll find for yourself why I'm recognized throughout the muscle-building world as the greatest trainer of all time.

How can I make you this unbelievable shape-up offer?

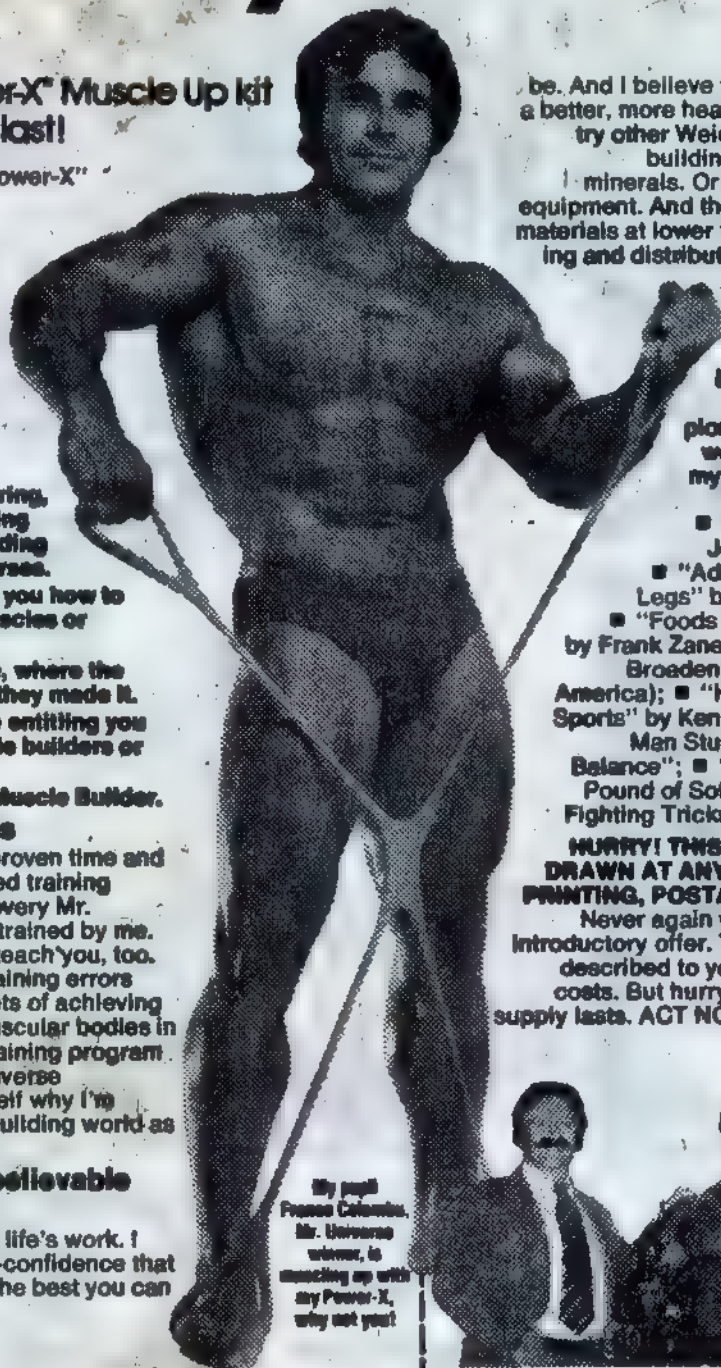
Building stronger, fitter bodies is my life's work. I earn my living giving people the self-confidence that only comes from looking and being the best you can



**Hurry! Don't miss out
on this once-in-a-lifetime,
never-to-be-repeated offer.**



You'll never get another chance to get this \$18.98 kit—including my "Power-X" muscle builder, plus the 4 training manuals of champions, plus the Muscle Builder magazine, plus the Nutrition Guide, plus the FREE \$5.00 Gift Certificate—all for just \$7.98.



My pupil
Franco Columbu,
Mr. Universe
winner, is
muscling up with
my Power-X,
why not you?



Joe proudly poses with his famous pupil,
Arnold Schwarzenegger, Mr. Olympia winner.

**Use these SECRETS
of the world's most
famous muscle stars.**

Let me introduce you to all the Mr. America and Mr. Universe champions I have trained. And in their own words, they'll reveal:

- "How I Built my 22½" Muscular Arms" by Arnold Schwarzenegger (Mr. Olympia);
- "Power Training for Sprinters" by Joe Weider, Trainer of Champions;
- "Add Inches of Muscle Power to Your Legs" by Franco Columbu (Mr. Olympia);
- "Foods for Gaining Weight and Strength" by Frank Zane (Mr. Universe);
- "My Shoulder-Broadening Course" by Steve Reeves (Mr. America);
- "How to Build Speed and Power for Sports" by Ken Waller (Mr. Universe);
- "Strong Men Stunts Made Easy";
- "How to Hand Balance";
- "Kung Fu and Karate";
- "Gain a Pound of Solid Muscle a Day";
- "12 Oriental Fighting Tricks"; plus much, much, much more!

HURRY! THIS OFFER MAY HAVE TO BE WITHDRAWN AT ANY MOMENT BECAUSE OF RISING PRINTING, POSTAL, & MANUFACTURING COSTS!

Never again will you be able to get this special introductory offer. You get it all—everything I've just described to you on this page—for less than my costs. But hurry. This offer is good only while the supply lasts. **ACT NOW! RIGHT THIS VERY MOMENT.**

**"Get there
faster with
Joe Weider!"**

Send Only
\$7.98 for my
Muscle
Building
"Power-X"
kit!

Joe Weider Dept. LU/78CMX

Trainer of Champions since 1936
with over 3,750,000 successful students
P.O. BOX 8085, VAN NUYS, CA. 91408

Joe: I don't see how you can do it—but here's my \$7.98! (Plus \$1.00 for postage and handling.) Rush me my complete "Power-X" Kit, including the "Power-X" Muscle Builder, plus the Nutrition Guide, plus the Muscle Builder magazine, plus the first issue of your giant "Enter the Wonderful World of Joe Weider" Muscle Building Manual, plus a FREE \$5.00 Gift Certificate! I understand I will receive 3 additional Muscle Building Manuals during the year. (Calif. res. add 6% sales tax.) (Please allow 3 weeks for delivery.)

NAME _____ AGE _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

(Please print clearly)



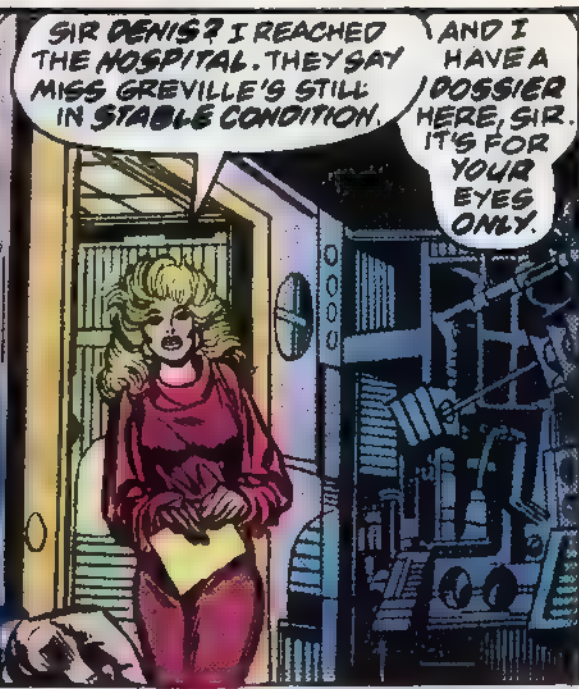
PERHAPS I WAS WRONG TO SNUB SHANG-CHI AND LEIKO AT THE HOSPITAL. I... I...

I WONDER IF THEY'LL COME BACK, ANY OF THEM, JUST TO TALK, AT LEAST-- NOT TO WORK AGAIN OR ANYTHING...



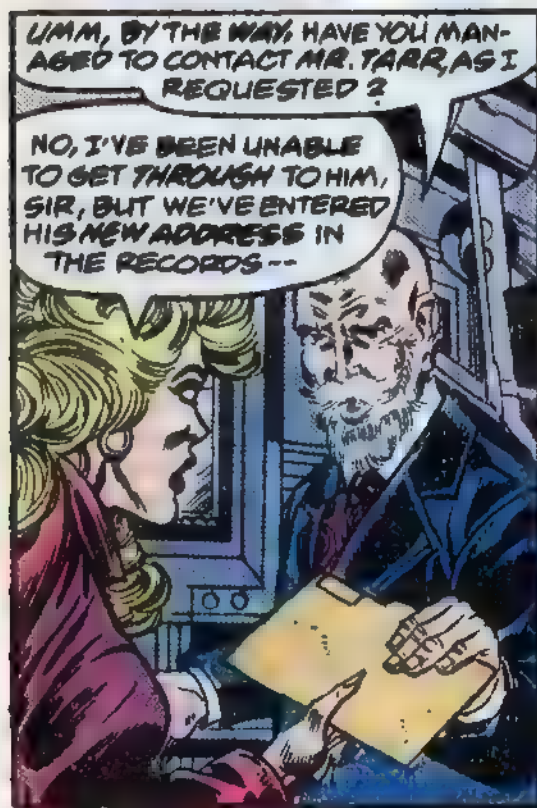
...BUT JUST TO... TO SEE ME.

YES... THANK YOU, MISS CARSTAIRS.



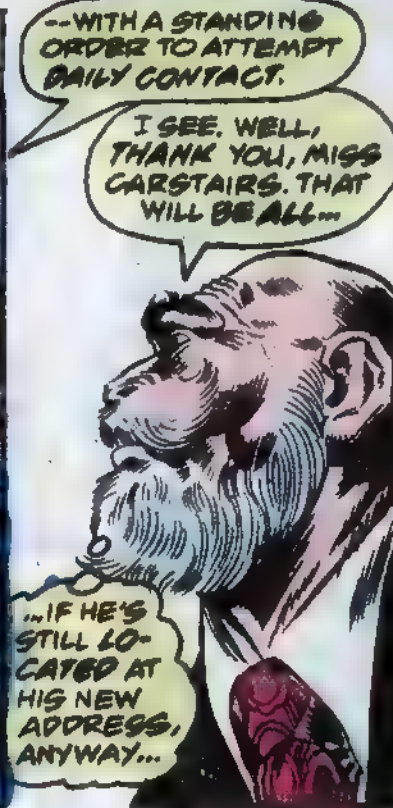
SIR DENIS? I REACHED THE HOSPITAL. THEY SAY MISS GREVILLE'S STILL IN STABLE CONDITION.

AND I HAVE A DOSSIER HERE, SIR. IT'S FOR YOUR EYES ONLY.



UMM, BY THE WAY, HAVE YOU MANAGED TO CONTACT MR. TARR, AS I REQUESTED?

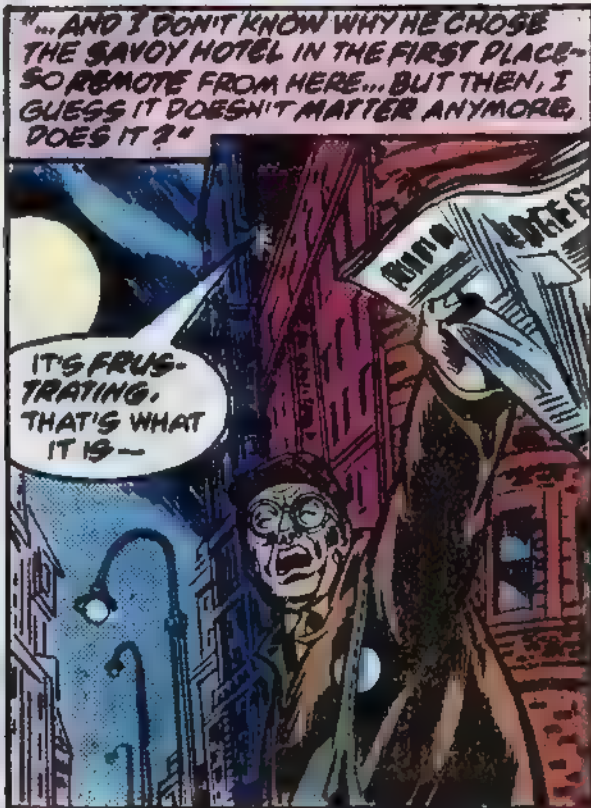
NO, I'VE BEEN UNABLE TO GET THROUGH TO HIM, SIR, BUT WE'VE ENTERED HIS NEW ADDRESS IN THE RECORDS--



--WITH A STANDING ORDER TO ATTEMPT DAILY CONTACT.

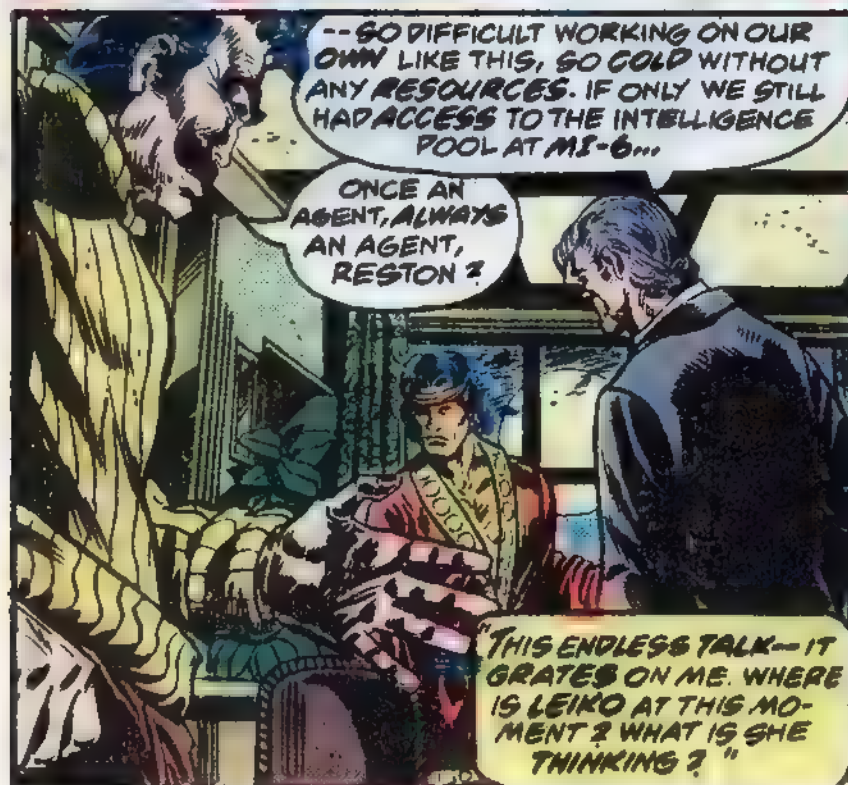
I SEE. WELL, THANK YOU, MISS CARSTAIRS. THAT WILL BE ALL...

...IF HE'S STILL LOCATED AT HIS NEW ADDRESS, ANYWAY...



"...AND I DON'T KNOW WHY HE CHOSE THE SAVOY HOTEL IN THE FIRST PLACE-- SO REMOTE FROM HERE... BUT THEN, I GUESS IT DOESN'T MATTER ANYMORE, DOES IT?"

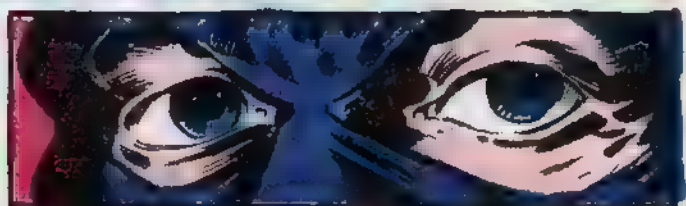
IT'S FRUSTRATING. THAT'S WHAT IT IS--



--SO DIFFICULT WORKING ON OUR OWN LIKE THIS, SO COLD WITHOUT ANY RESOURCES. IF ONLY WE STILL HAD ACCESS TO THE INTELLIGENCE POOL AT MI-6...

ONCE AN AGENT, ALWAYS AN AGENT, RESTON?

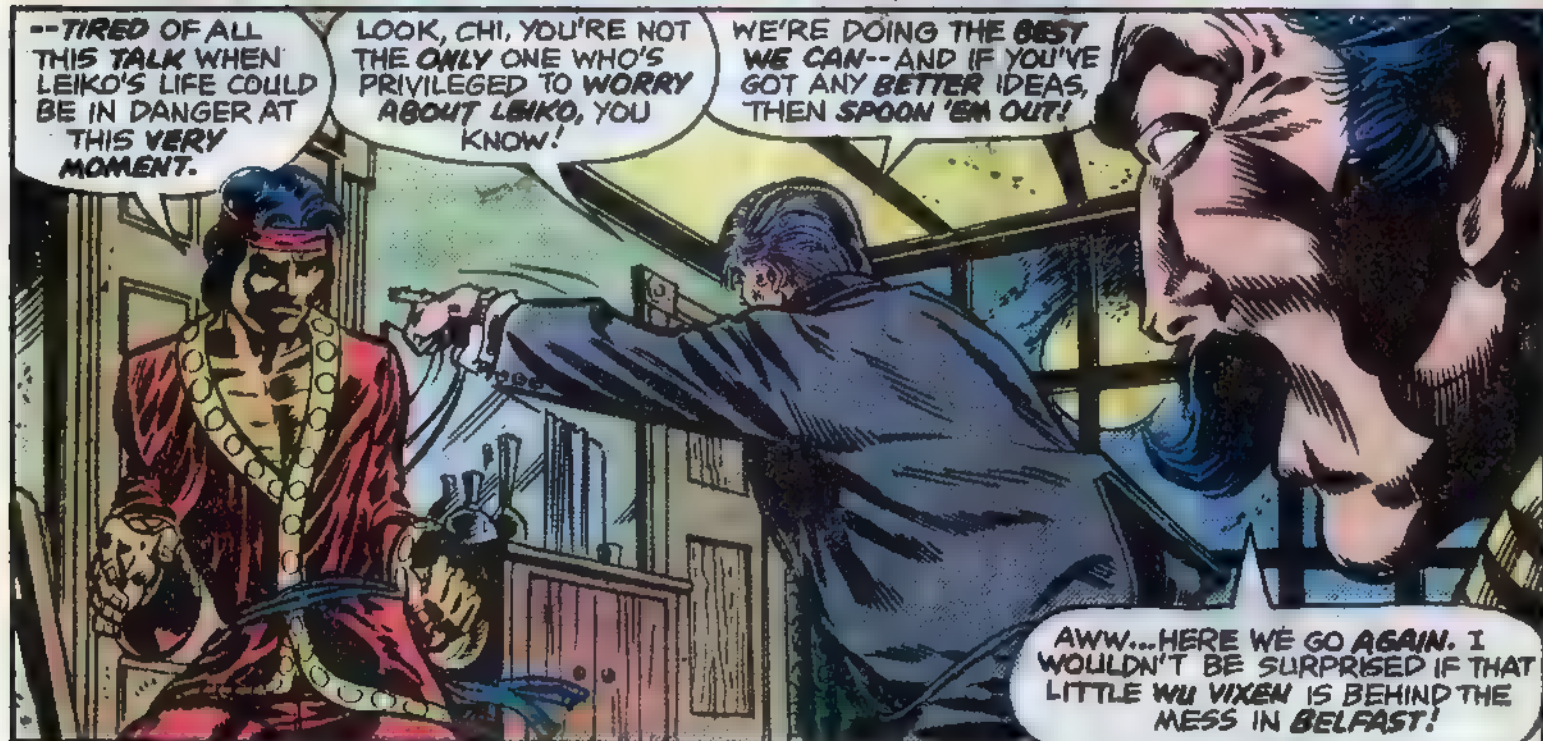
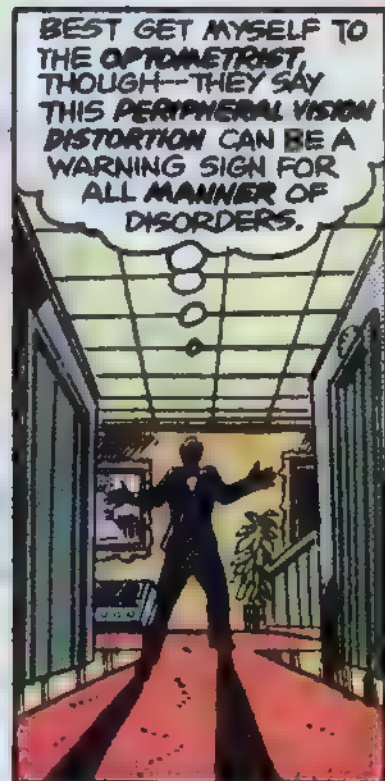
"THIS ENDLESS TALK-- IT GRATES ON ME. WHERE IS LEIKO AT THIS MOMENT? WHAT IS SHE THINKING?"



"NO, IT'S JUST THAT WE'RE SO MUCH IN THE DARK, TARR..."



"...DON'T KNOW WHO'S GOING TO ATTACK US NEXT."



NEW! The SPIDEY UTILITY BELT!

THIS IS THE BELT NO WOULD-BE SUPERHERO CAN AFFORD TO BE WITHOUT! JUST CHECK OUT THESE GREAT GIZMOS!

SELF ADJUSTABLE BELT--1 SIZE FITS ALL!

ALL \$4.95 60¢ FOR ONLY PLUS P.&H.

SPIDEY WATCH!

SPIDEY HAND-CLIFFS!

SPIDEY GRAPPLER!

SPIDEY COMMUNICATOR!

SPIDEY WEB (WATCH!)

SUPER BEACH TOWELS

ARE HERE AGAIN!

100% COTTON AND THEY MEASURE A FULL 27" BY 54"! CHOOSE FROM THOR, SPIDEY, HULK, CAPTAIN AMERICA AND THE F.F.!

SEND TO:
SUPERHERO MERCHANDISE
P.O. BOX 777 ATT. DEPT 6A
DOVER, NEW JERSEY 07801

OUR GUARANTEE: IF YOU ARE NOT FULLY SATISFIED THE MERCHANDISE MAY BE RETURNED FOR A FULL REFUND

THIS IS TOO GOOD A DEAL TO PASS UP! HERE'S \$_____ FOR THE FOLLOWING--

CHARGE MY BANK AMERICARD MASTERCHARGE ACCOUNT #_____ EXPIR. DATE _____

☐ SPIDER-MAN UTILITY BELT \$5.55 *

BEACH TOWELS \$4.95 EACH *

☐ SPIDER-MAN ☐ THOR ☐ HULK

☐ CAPTAIN AMERICA ☐ THE FANTASTIC FOUR

NAME _____ AGE _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____

STATE _____

ZIP _____

* INCLUDES POSTAGE AND HANDLING. ALLOW 4 WEEKS FOR DELIVERY. CANADIAN RESIDENTS ADD 50¢ U.S. FUNDS ONLY. N.J. RESIDENTS ADD 5% SALES TAX.

EACH ONLY
\$4.95
PLUS 60¢ FOR POST. & HAND.

"I know why Ken likes to shoot Daisy B-B guns with me. He's a better shot than I am! And I like shooting with him simply because it gives us an opportunity to spend some time together.

Sometimes we set up targets down in the basement. Or else we'll get out in the backyard by ourselves plinking away, and talking. I've found it's a terrific way for a father and son to get to know each other better.

At the same time, I think it's helping Ken develop a sense of responsibility, as well as confidence in himself through his own achievements. And that's important at any age."

John Unister

Former Baltimore Colts
Quarterback Johnny Unister
and son Ken.

The sport a boy grows up with...

shooting a Daisy

DAISY 1938 Red Ryder™: Like the B-B gun Dad had. Hardwood stock. Front and rear sights. Steel barrel and receiver. Lever action.

DAISY 99 Champion™: Choice of B-B gun champions.

Hardwood stock and forearm. Front and rear sights. Steel barrel and receiver. Lever action.

DAISY 102 Cub™: B-B gun for beginners. Hardwood stock. Front and rear sights. Steel barrel, receiver and forearm. Lever action.

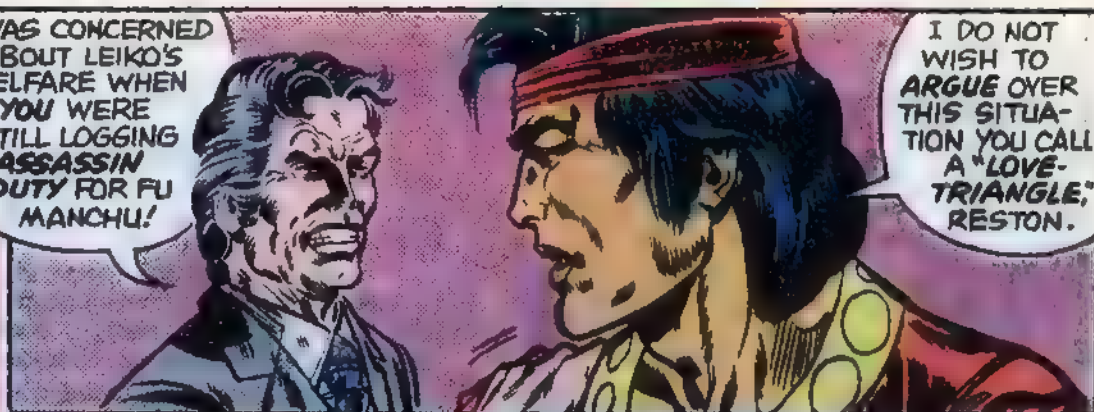


Daisy®

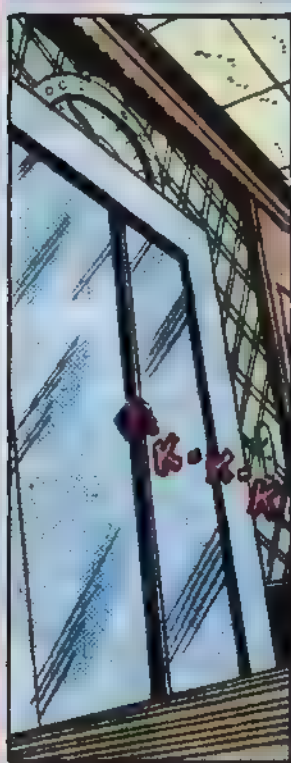
GROWING UP WITH AMERICAN BOYS SINCE 1886.



--WAS CONCERNED ABOUT LEIKO'S WELFARE WHEN YOU WERE STILL LOGGING ASSASSIN DUTY FOR FU MANCHU!



I DO NOT WISH TO ARGUE OVER THIS SITUATION YOU CALL A "LOVE-TRIANGLE," RESTON.

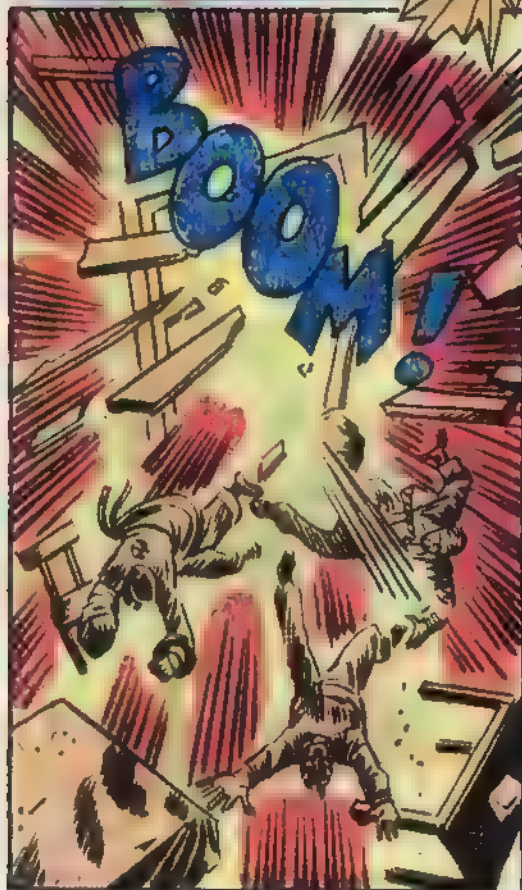
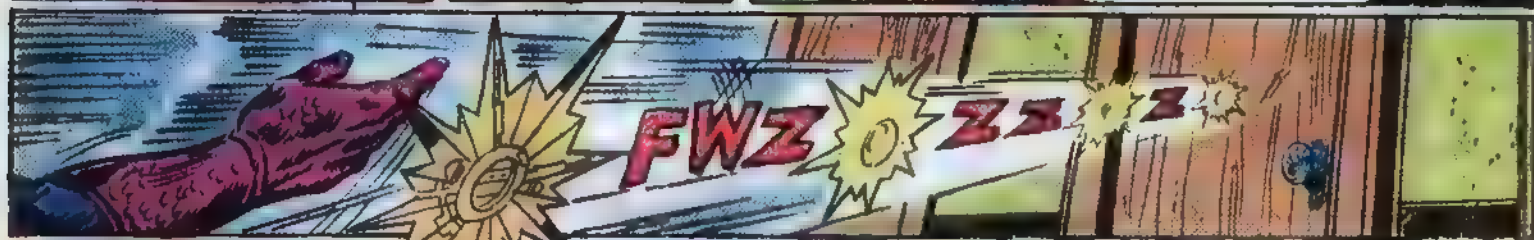


--DON'T WANT TO TALK ABOUT IT, HUH? WHAT'S THE MATTER--YOUR CONSCIENCE GETTING TOUCHY? THE TRIANGLE'S FINE AS LONG AS YOU DON'T HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT THE THIRD CORNER--THE ODD MAN OUT--IS THAT IT?

HEY, DON'T TRY TO TURN YOUR BACK ON ME, CHI--



--NOT WHEN I'M THINKING ABOUT CLIPPING YOU RIGHT IN YOUR SANCTIMONIOUS--



WUHHH...IF THAT WAS ROOM SERVICE, I'M CHECKIN' OUTTA THIS BLOODY HOTEL.

STOW IT, TARR--WE'VE JUST BEEN ATTACKED AGAIN...

...ALTHOUGH THERE'S...NO ONE HERE...

WRONG.



"I...SENSE HIM..."

"...HIS PRESENCE, AS HEAVY AS THE THICK SMOKE, HANGING IN THE AIR--

"--ABOVE--DROPPING NOW, CLAD
IN THE DARK STYLE OF A JAPA-
NESE NINJA..."

I HAVE COME
TO ENACT MY
DUTY--TO FULFILL
MY GIRL!

WHAT TH--?!
HOW'D HE
GET UP ON
THE
CEILING--?!

AND MY GIRL MAY BE
FULFILLED ONLY BY
SLAYING YOU!

BACK,
TARR!

MY GUN!
WHERE'S MY
JACKET?

YOU'RE
SLIPPIN',
RESTON--
JACKET OR
NOT, ALWAYS
KEEP IT
NEAR YER
HAND.

"HE DRAWS A SHURIKEN."

"IT WILL MEAN ENTER-
ING TARR'S LINE OF AIM,
FORCING HIM TO HOLD
HIS FIRE..."

"...BUT I MUST
PREVENT THE DARK
ONE FROM THROW-
ING HIS SHURI--

"WHAT?!
I
MISSED--?"

"...NOW HE CASTS
THE SHURIKEN, AL-
MOST CARELESSLY,
AS IF WITHOUT AIM..."

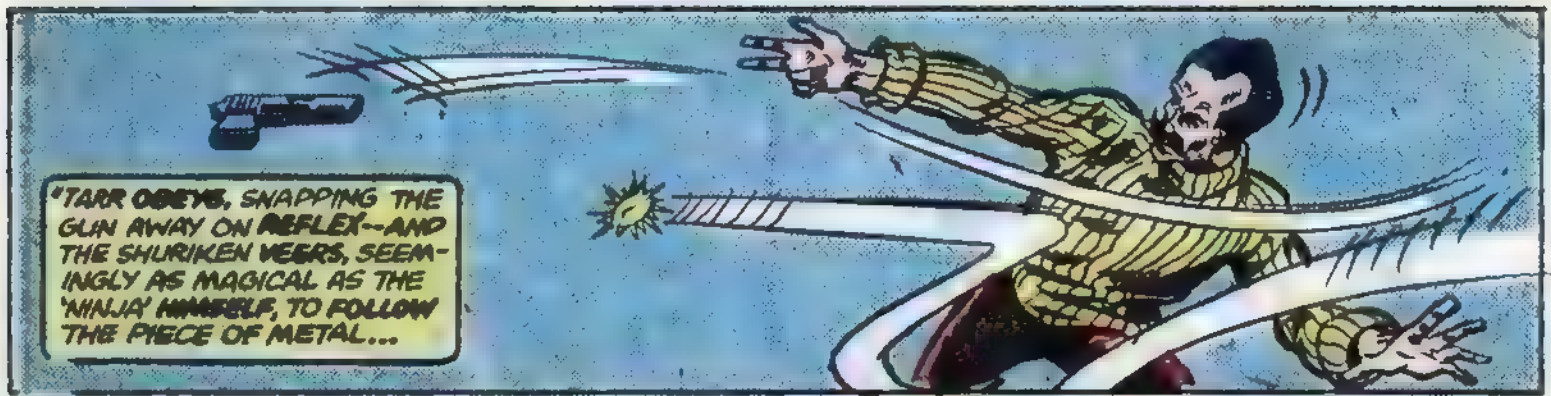
HUH--?
BLOODY STAR-
DART'S GONNA
MISS ME BY A
LONG SIGHT...

IT PASSED TARR
--AND NOW IT'S
CUTTING ME OFF
FROM MY GUN--
WONDER IF IT'S
EQUIPPED WITH
SOME SORT OF
ELECTRONIC
HOMING
DEVICE...

YES! IT'S CIRCLING
THE ROOM, HEAD-
ING BACK FOR--

TARR! GET
RID OF YOUR
GUN--
FAST!

"A MERE IMPOSTER, I
HAD NOT EXPECTED HIM
TO MOVE SO SWIFTLY--
AS FLUIDLY AS A TRUE
NINJA-- BUT..."



"TARR OBEYS, SNAPPING THE GUN AWAY ON REFLEX--AND THE SHURIKEN VEERS, SEEMINGLY AS MAGICAL AS THE 'NINJA' HIMSELF, TO FOLLOW THE PIECE OF METAL..."



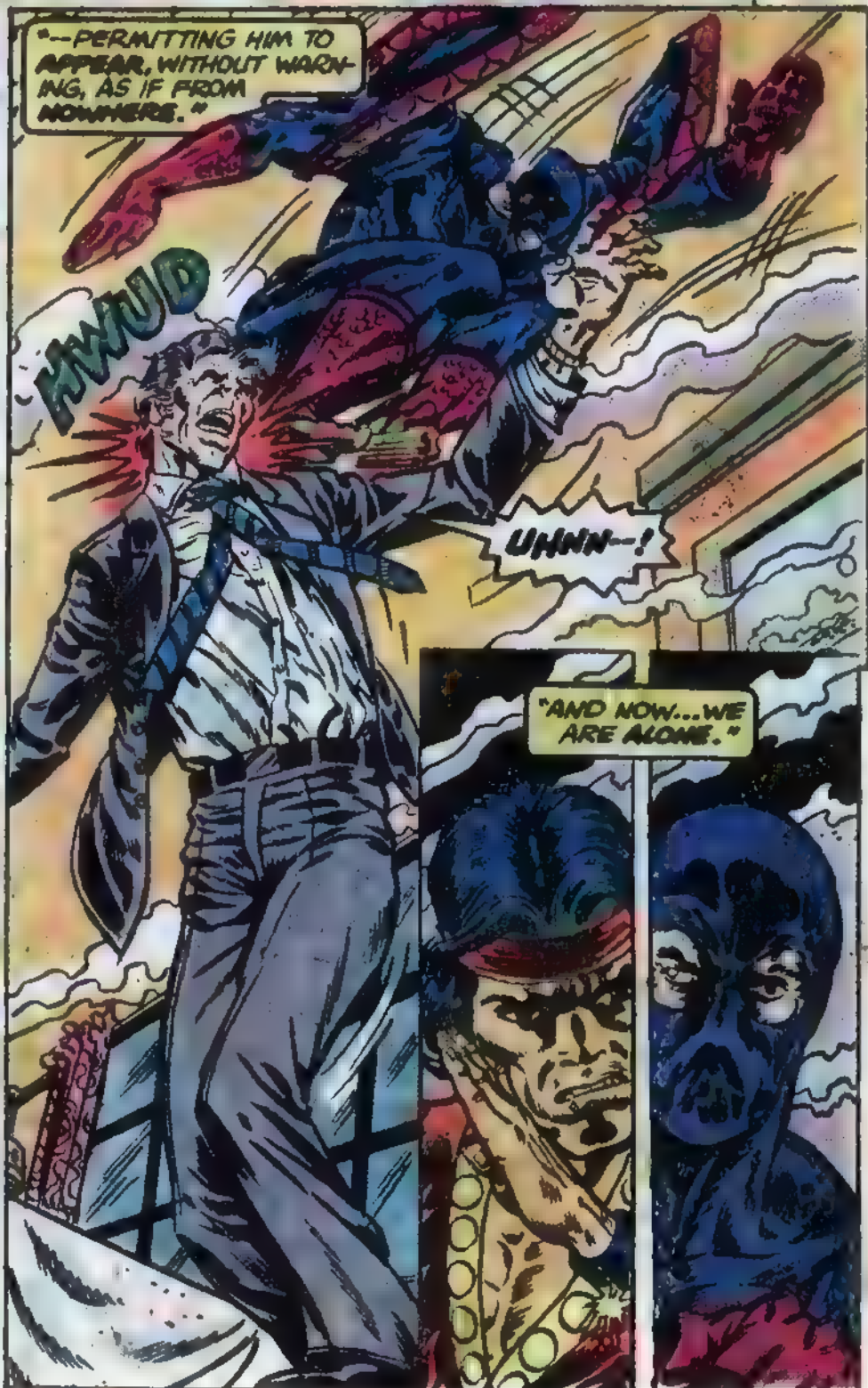
"...UNTIL--"

"HAD TARR BEEN HOLDING THE GUN, HE WOULD LIE DEAD, RATHER THAN ASLEEP."



HE'S GONE-- BUT WHERE DID HE GO? DO YOU SEE HIM-- CHI--?

"AGAIN THE SMOKE SHIELDS HIS SILENT MOVEMENTS--"



"--PERMITTING HIM TO APPEAR, WITHOUT WARNING, AS IF FROM NOWHERE."

UHHN--!

"AND NOW...WE ARE ALONE."

I AM THE SLAYER IN DARKNESS, SERVANT OF THE REVERED EMPEROR SHIRAKAWA, COME TO FULFILL MY GIRI IN YOUR DEATH.

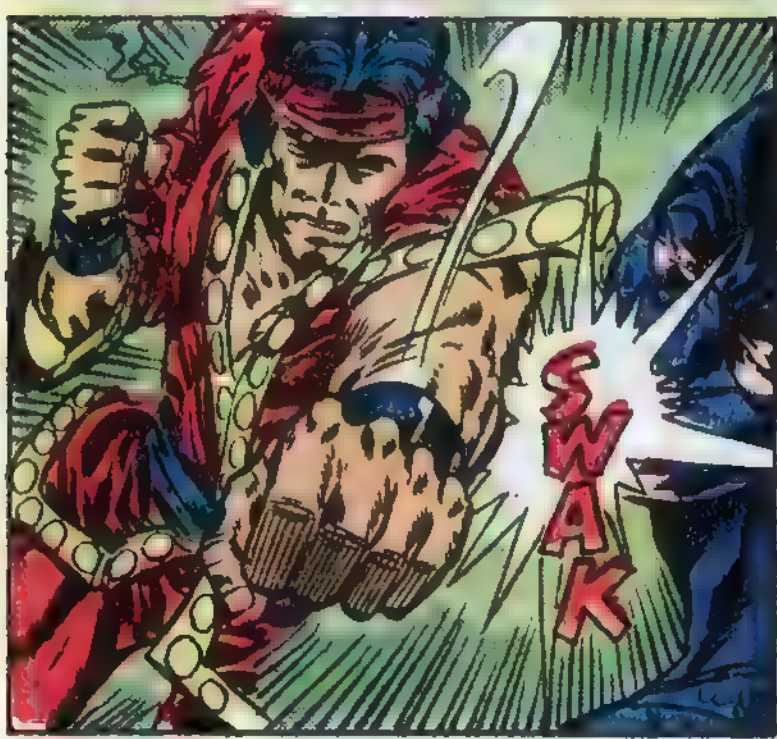
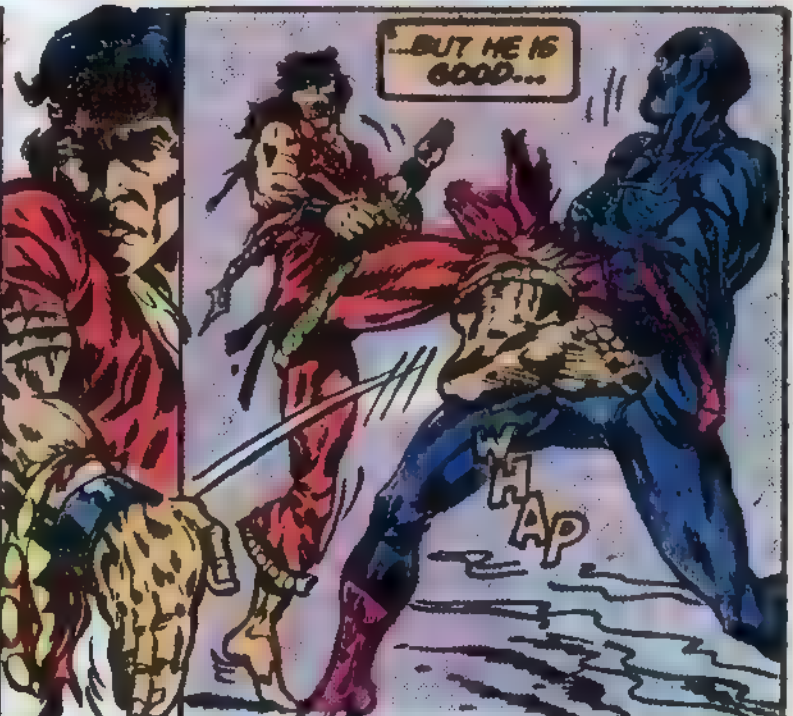
"GIRI: THE JAPANESE CONCEPT OF DUTY AND OBLIGATION. I SAY NOTHING, WAITING. HE IS NOT JAPANESE..."

"THEY TOUCH THEMSELVES, AND METAL CLAWS SPRING FROM THE TIPS OF HIS GLOVES."

"MERE DEVICES-- TRICKS-- SCREENS OF SMOKE AND FALSE CLAWS..."

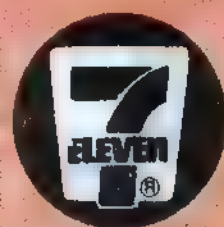


"HIS HANDS MOVE-- BUT NOT IN ATTACK."



COOL OFF

THIS SUMMER WITH A MIGHTY MARVEL slurpee!



**A GREAT WARM WEATHER
REFRESHER
AND YOU KEEP THE CUP!**

**40 ALL-NEW
PULSE-POUNDING
WRAP-AROUND SCENES!
COLLECT 'EM ALL!**

AVAILABLE AT YOUR PARTICIPATING T-ELEVEN® STORE!

SUBSCRIBE TO THE SUPER-HEROES!



**DON'T MISS
YOUR FAVORITE
MARVEL
MAGS!**



**REMEMBER--
ALL TITLES
MAILED
FLAT!**



- ☐ AMAZING SPIDER-MAN
- ☐ AVENGERS
- ☐ CAPTAIN AMERICA
- ☐ CAPTAIN MARVEL
- ☐ CONAN
- ☐ DAREDEVIL
- ☐ THE DEFENDERS
- ☐ DOCTOR STRANGE
- ☐ FANTASTIC FOUR
- ☐ HOWARD THE DUCK
- ☐ INCREDIBLE HULK
- ☐ INVADERS
- ☐ IRON MAN
- ☐ MARVEL TALES Featuring Spider-Man
- ☐ MARVEL TEAM-UP Spider-Man vs. —
- ☐ MARVEL TWO-IN-ONE Starring The Thing
- ☐ MASTER OF KUNG FU
- ☐ POWER MAN
- ☐ THOR
- ☐ TOMB OF DRACULA
- ☐ SPIDEY SUPER STORIES For 12 issues \$4.50

12 ISSUES

Please send to:
MARVEL COMICS SUBSCRIPTION DEPARTMENT
575 MADISON AVENUE, NEW YORK, N.Y. 10022

M2-77

Count me in! I don't wanna worry about having my local store sell out of the comics I want before I get there! Please send me subs in all the titles I've checked! Allow 10 weeks for delivery of 1st issue.

All prices for 12 issues \$4.00.

Canadian subs. ADD \$1.00

Foreign subs ADD \$2.00

Enclosed is \$ _____ Please—Checks or money orders only.

Name _____ Age _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____ Zip _____

MISSIVES TO THE MASTER!

© MARVEL COMICS GROUP, 575 MADISON AVE. N.Y.C. 10022

As promised last time, let's kick it off with One Man's Odyssey of Apotheosis...

Gentlemen:

This past summer, as three friends and I did the Dean Moriarty Memorial New York to Sunny California Automobile Extravaganza, I found myself (bouncing up and down in the back of a rapidly-decomposing Ford station wagon) with mucho extra time on my hands. On we rolled, eight-ten-twelve hours at a stretch, a good portion of that time spent devouring whatever reading matter I could get my soiled hands on. Whipping down the highways, whipping through Harlan Ellison, Tom Robbins, Meher Baba, etc.—and, of course, the usual Marvels I habitually gobble up like the comic book junkie I am. But, as I said, Much Time. So much time that I found myself picking up comics I normally wouldn't touch, comics whose very titles turned me off. Titles like... (gag)... *TOMB OF DRACULA* and... (urgh! urp!)... *MASTER OF KUNG FU*. You know what this is leading up to, don't you? Ye Olde Proverbial Eating of the Hat.

(Parenthetical Digression: One nifty thing about life out in the Great American Heartland—comics distribution is exceedingly weird. You can find a six-month run of the same title languishing on a rack in some Godforsaken Seven-Eleven store; which means I was able to pick up quite a number of MOKFs at the going 30¢ rate for which I otherwise would have had to pay outrageously absurd "Comic Art Dealer" extortion prices. End of Parenthetical Digression.)

My credentials, gentlemen: I have absolutely no interest whatsoever in the Martial Arts, be it Bruce Lee, David Carradine, Iron Fist, or Kung Phooey. It bores me. Supposedly "Kosmic" philosophy in the garb of bloody, flailing fists bores me. The "Yellow Peril" bores me, be it Fu Manchu, the Yellow Claw, Mandarin, or Maxwell Smart's nemesis the Claw (without the Yellow). I have never read a single Sax Rohmer book. But, I repeat (and loudly, gentlemen, loudly), BUT...this book called *MASTER OF KUNG FU* is one of the most beautiful works of art the comix medium has yet produced. And I mean that. Howzabout tossing around a few well-placed adjectives? Okay, try these: Intelligent. Moving. Exciting. Intricate. Awesome. Breathtaking...andmoreandmoreandmoreandmore. Moench, Gulacy, what have I been missing?

FADE TO BLACK. RAISE LIGHTS SLOWLY TO REVEAL HIRSUTE YOUNG MAN IN BROOKLYN APT. PERUSING *MASTER OF KUNG FU* #49...

Listen: "The Affair of the Agent Who Died" did things to me that I didn't think could be done any more. Would you believe that watching Chi run from Fu Manchu's giant scorpions (now, come on, doesn't that sound just too *pulpy*?) actually had me *tense*? Me, a person who's been reading comics for almost all of his not-quite twenty-three years? That scene was *real* to me. It negated all the Blorph the Giant Barf-Bag and Land of the Tapdancing Dinosaurs nonsense with which I've been saturation-bombed innumerable times on the Late, Late, Great, Great Show. I *believed* that scene. And *you* believe *this*: A little while ago, as Charlie's Angels spasmed across my tube like plastic mannequins, dealing mindless video-death without musing one perfect hair, I sat here honestly *moved* by the death of Lerner—a character I've known for only a few short months. There are Marvel characters I've followed for ten years who couldn't elicit that response. Their deaths would be no more real than all the phony, emotionless slaughter dished out wholesale, 24 hours a day, by Kojak, Columbo, the Rookies, Captain Kirk and the boys, ad infinitum. Lerner *lived* for me, and because of that, Lerner really *died*. That, gentlemen, is called writing. Excuse me, WRITING.

Enough rambling. Moench, you are amongst the Top Three Wordsmiths currently toiling in the Whambamslam! long-underwear world (the other two being Steve Gerber and

Englehart). Gulacy, you are one of the finest artists this field of communication has ever tossed up on a four-color beach. *MASTER OF KUNG FU*, you are one damn good book.

Conclusion: Thanks.

J. Marc De Matteis
1996 Ocean Avenue
Brooklyn, NY 11230

Sure. And ditto, J. But us, we're still thrummin' from the hum of those old tire treads...

Dear People,

Would you believe I've been worrying about Shang-Chi's adopted pet ever since his London apartment was bombed? Thank you for finally setting my mind at ease. And I speak not only as a cat lover; issue #51 also cleared my mind of any doubts concerning Mr. Gulacy's successor. Mr. Craig is a fine artist, with apparently the same feeling for the book that Mr. Gulacy had. I look forward to whatever future adventures you have planned for Shang-Chi and his comrades with the same eagerness I felt upon greeting those in the past.

Go in beauty.

S. Lee Marine
51 Wise Avenue
Baltimore, MD 19144

To the Masters of MOKE:

Now that it's all over, I would like to look back on this six-part Fu Manchu/Fah Lo Suee/Her Majesty's Secret Service epic (and its soon-to-be-classic epilogue in #51) with great admiration for the creative talents who put it all together. Doug Moench and Paul Gulacy have created their personal *magnum opus* in those six issues, surpassing all their previous and considerable achievements. I am very impressed.

Long, well-thought, deeply analytical type letters are beyond me. But I would like to say I am very sorry to see Paul leave this strip. Jim Craig's style and panel arrangements, however, are similar to the Gulacy mode, and thus the flavor of the art to which we are accustomed in this book has not been lost. So you can bet this is one reader who is not the least bit discouraged. Good luck, Jim and Doug. And good luck, Paul. Marvel—and life—marches on...

M.E. Robbins
230 Verando Avenue
Thousand Oaks, CA 91360

You better believe it, M.E.! (Say, what is this—National Initials Month?) And with spiderweb deadlines constantly snaring us up, we sometimes wish that Marvel—and life—would start marching to a slightly slower drummer...

...which is a sneaky segue into the subject of this closing yellow box. Namely: As you've no doubt noticed, we've been having a mini continuity crisis here in MOKF. Jim Craig's opening artistic gambit on Shang-Chi & Co.—Doug's War-Yore storyline—has already been interrupted several times. There has been, or will be, Keith Pollard's Hackstaber/Warmflash fill-in, a Mike Zeck fill-in, the long-awaited Pat Broderick fill-in, and another two-parter by Mike Zeck. Indeed, there has even been a reprint.

We apologize. Sincerely. We really hate like the devil to disrupt continuity, but we're doing our best to sandwich most of the above listed fill-ins into slots where they'll be the least disruptive. And we hasten to add that, as "fill-ins," they're *beauts*; we predict that without exception every one of these standby stories will be enjoyed and acclaimed just as much as those issues fitting into the "normal" storyline. Think of them as "specials" rather than "fill-ins"—because they *are* special, and that's a promise.

In the meantime, we're churnin' on all burners in an attempt to get it together—once and for all—and clean up our deadline act. If all goes well, some semblance of regularity and normality will soon return to these pages. Right now, even we don't know exactly what's gonna be presented when (we'll clue you in right here when we do), but we do know one thing: The quality of any individual issue will not suffer. .

So stay tuned...and be good.

IMPOSSIBLE?

"Every successful bodybuilder has got to use the most advanced bodybuilding methods available. UNIVERSAL BODYBUILDING offers the best! Using UNIVERSAL methods, I have made excellent gains!"

Brian Eastman

NOT
FOR
THE

SUPER

BODYBUILDING SYSTEM!

**BE BETTER THAN THE BEST,
BE DYNAMIC!**

AFTER

MOST MEN NEVER REALIZE THEIR POTENTIAL FOR MUSCULARITY. Why? Probably because they've never come across or taken advantage of a training program quite like the one we offer here at UNIVERSAL BODYBUILDING. Our course has the ULTIMATE MASTERPLAN for TOTAL BODY DEVELOPMENT!

Very few men are satisfied with the way they look at present. They know themselves that they wouldn't mind having a REALLY MASCULINE BODY — one that will "turn on" the girls and make the guys envious.

WITH UNIVERSAL METHODS, YOU CAN BREAK OUT OF YOUR "OLD" SELF, AND TRANSFORM YOUR BODY INTO AN ATTENTION-GETTER!! WE GUARANTEE TO IMPROVE YOUR BODY FAR BEYOND WHAT YOU'VE EVER BELIEVED POSSIBLE! We have perfected bodybuilding training techniques to the extreme, so that we can offer you the fastest gains possible. If you're thin and underweight, you'll be astonished at how quickly muscles appear. If you're overweight, we can help you to trim down the fat and replace it with rock-hard muscle. We'll tone up your abdominal area, and show you how to obtain a well-defined and impressive waist.

Add 2 or 3 inches to your arms, 4 or 5 inches to your chest — your rewards will be in direct proportion to your effort and accomplishments — nobody sets a limit to your success.

In the time it takes to complete this 12 lesson course, we can guarantee you a muscular foundation fantastic enough to be developed to your fullest potential!! You can go far beyond mere "improvement" with the Advanced Training Techniques included in this course. We can give you the firm, rippling, muscular body of a physique star!!! Send in for our FREE COLORFUL BROCHURES TODAY (fantastic information about our course — loaded with unbelievable photographs). You won't regret it!!!

**INSTANTLY -
YOUR MUSCLES
WILL BEGIN
TO GROW!**

BEFORE

BE GREAT - BE SOMEBODY SPECIAL!

Improve your health, self-confidence and your outlook on life as you become more muscular. Regardless of your age, height or present build, we'll help you build a fabulous body. Thousands of people have taken this course with fantastic results — why not you? Whatever you look like today, we can improve on it. We guarantee it!!!

- | | |
|--|--|
| ☐ ARMS — Develop big, powerful arms — the kind girls love to be held in! Command respect from everyone you meet! | ☐ SHOULDERS — Get rid of those puny shoulders! Instead, fill your shirts with bulging muscles! |
| ☐ CHEST — Is your chest sunken and unimpressive? No more! It's easy to build a massive chest. You can measure 45, 47, or even 50 inches! | ☐ LEGS — Put some muscle on those spindly legs! Muscular legs will give you extra power like you've never dreamed possible! |
| ☐ BACK — Develop your upper back, and get that outstanding "V-Shape!" Often within one week you'll be able to see that wedge formation begin to take shape — it's a real attention-getter! | ☐ ABDOMEN — Trim and hard — that's the way your abs should look. Get rid of your pot-belly, improve your digestion, and get that washboard waist — all when you develop those abdominal muscles! |



**UNIVERSAL
BODYBUILDING**
Box 485 Dept. MAR-1
Dearborn, Michigan 48121

RUSH me those FREE COLORFUL BROCHURES TODAY! I want to be able to KNOCK 'EM DEAD with a FABULOUS BODY!!!

Name _____ Age _____

Address _____

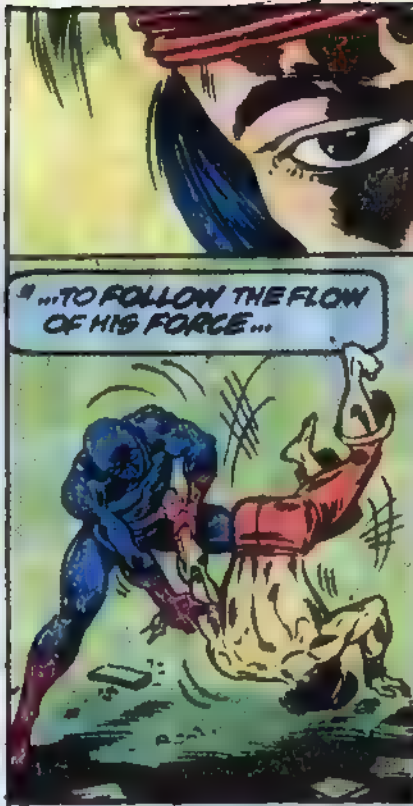
City _____ State _____ Zip _____

MAIL TODAY!

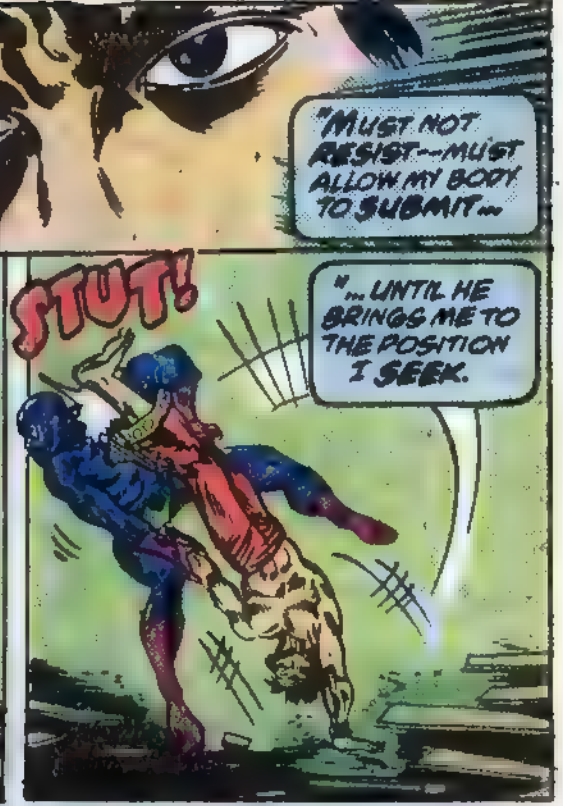
FREE!



"...VERY GOOD... AND I HAVE BEEN CARELESS, CONCERNED WITH MATTERS OTHER THAN THE MOMENT."



"...TO FOLLOW THE FLOW OF HIS FORCE..."



"MUST NOT RESIST--MUST ALLOW MY BODY TO SUBMIT..."

"...UNTIL HE BRINGS ME TO THE POSITION I SEEK."

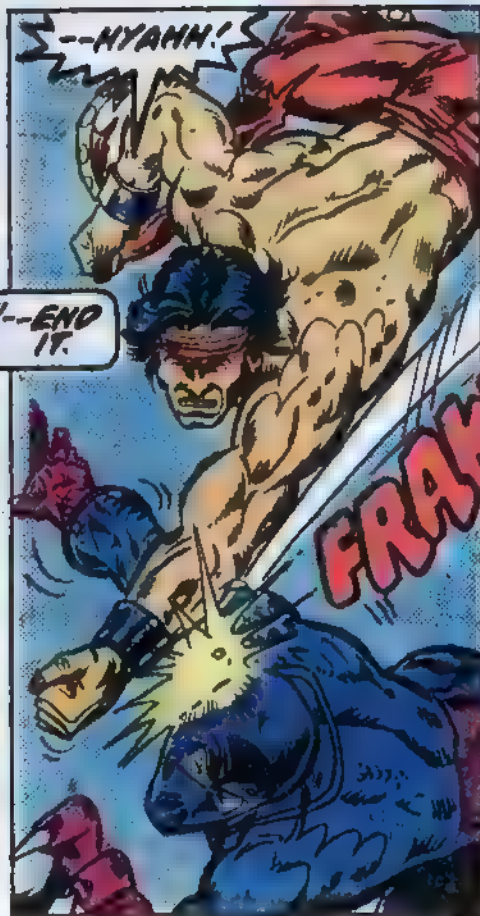


KRATCH!

"AND NOW I MUST..."



KIIYAIN--



"--END IT."

FRANK!



WHERE IS--

"NO USE--LESS..."

"HE WILL HEAR NOTHING... FOR A TIME."

"I BIND HIM WITH CORDS FROM THE WINDOW--"

OH

"--AS TARR AND RESTON STIR."

WELL, LOOKS LIKE YA DID IT, CHINAMAN -- BOXED HIS EARS BUT GOOD.

NOW LET'S SEE WHO THE BLOODY BLACK-GUARD IS...

LOOKS VAGUELY FAMILIAR, BUT... NO, DON'T BELIEVE I'VE EVER TUSSELED WITH HIM...

...WHICH QUASHES THE PERSONAL REVENGE MOTIVE.

SO HE MUST BE SOMEONE'S AGENT-- BUT WHOSE? HE PROBABLY WON'T TALK WHEN HE COMES TO--

-- BUT IF WE CAN SOMEHOW LEARN WHO HE IS, MAYBE WE CAN PUZZLE OUT HIS EMPLOYERS

WE KNOW WHO HE IS.

HE IS THE SAME ONE WHO POSED AS ATTILA AND ABDUCTED LEIKO.

YEAH? AND HOW DO YOU KNOW THAT, CHI?

I KNOW. THE MOVES WERE DIFFERENT, BUT THIS FIGHT AND THE FIGHT WITH ATTILA WERE THE SAME FIGHT-- AT THE CORE--

-- THE SAME MAN.

WELL, I DON'T KNOW... HE COULD BE THE SAME ONE WHO ATTACKED ME AS ROBIN HOOD-- SAME APPROXIMATE SIZE AND WEIGHT...

... BUT HIS BEARING, HIS ATTITUDE, THE TECHNIQUES -- ALL SO DIFFERENT.

WELL, MAYBE WE CAN--

HERE, NOW! YES, I THOUGHT I HAD A TWINGE IN ME ARM-- PIECE OF SCHMARR NEL FROM HIS BLOODY BOOM-ERANG-- BOOMER THE STAR-PART...

Learn at Home!
CUSTOMIZING
 INSIDE and OUT

SAVE BY DOING YOUR OWN — make money customizing for others. Learn how professionals create wild designs... flames, murals, etc. Plus, how to install portholes, scoops, techniques of interior carpeting, upholstery, etc. Tools included. Rush name, address, zip, state age. \$10. No salesman will call. "Careers Through Home-Study" CUSTOMIZING CENTER 4401 Birch Street, Dept. B3087 Newport Beach, CA 92663

Send for FREE CAREER PLAN

Name _____
 Address _____
 City _____ State _____ Zip _____

High School Course at Home in spare time!

If you have left school without finishing, write today for free brochure which gives the facts about our home study method, diploma, and accreditation.

Founded 1897. American School
 Dept. AA0831, Drexel at 58th, Chicago 60637

REAL SWITCHBLADE... COMBI (9 INCHES LONG)

PUSH BUTTON... SNAP—IT'S OPEN

This is a REAL SWITCHBLADE. The blade is a COMBI. Terrific gift item. Novel and practical. Protects comb in pocket. Fine tooth comb is great for sideburns and mustache too! Satisfaction is guaranteed. Complete with lock. Only 4.95 + 50¢ Postage. Two for 10.00 Postpaid.

S&W KNIFE CO. Box 35246 H Chicago, IL 60636

FREE COMIC CATALOG
 FREE MARVEL INDEX & CHECKLIST
DISCOUNT COMICS
 Box 164-M, San Jose, CA 95071

KARATE KUNG FU
JUDO • SAVATE • JIU-JITSU
 The Greatest Self-Defense System Known to Man! **FREE BOOK!!**
 Send 35¢ for postage/handling.
 Send to: Universal, Dept. A
 Box 39303, Detroit, Mich. 48239 **FREE**

SUPER COMIC & CONAN SALE
 10% OFF ALL COMICS: 1000s of MARVELS & DCs. CONAN records, books, posters, gifts & more. **FREE GIFTS!** Send 25¢ for BIG catalog & gifts to: MOONDANCE, DEPT M6, Box 425, Wilmington, VT 05363

How to WRITE, SELL and PUBLISH YOUR OWN SONGS

Secrets & methods used by professionals. Information **FREE**. **ACE PUBLISHING**, Box 64, Dept. 5, Boston, Mass. 02101

MAKE \$\$ WITH COMIC BOOKS

Secrets others have made THOUSANDS with. Learn how, when and where to buy and sell comic books. Booklet includes addresses of cheap sources, places to sell. Only \$5. 10 Day Money-Back Guarantee. Send \$5.00. Bellco Books P.O. Box 18070 Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53218

OLD COMIC BOOKS
 BACK ISSUES OF MARVEL, D.C., DISNEY, AND GOLDEN AGE COMICS FOR SALE. OVER 100,000 COMICS IN STOCK. FOR COMPLETE LIST SEND 25¢ TO: BLACK GOLD COMICS, P.O. BOX 15032, TULSA, OKLA. 74112. (WE ALSO BUY COMICS)

extra income **Make \$1 per SALE**

SELL ENGRAVED METAL SOCIAL SECURITY PLATES. Millions of new prospects every year! No investment. SEND FOR FREE SALES KIT!

Name _____
 Address _____
 City _____
 State _____ Zip _____

ENGRAVING PLATES, DEPT. 354
 BOX 10460-JACKSONVILLE, FL 32207

MAKE ANYONE DO ANYTHING
 YOU MENTALLY COMMAND—WITH YOUR MIND ALONE!

Silently command, control, dominate anyone. Say nothing, watch even perfect strangers do what you wish willingly and cheerfully. Absolutely uncanny! Awe-inspiring details revealed in **SUCCESS Manual Review Folio**. Send \$1 for postage.

SCHOOL OF SUCCESS SCIENCE
 Box 506, Div. K101 New York City 10017

COMIC LIST — #9

Send a self addressed, stamped return envelope to:
COMIC SALES COMPANY
 BOX M-352 — BROOKLYN, N.Y. 11211

MARVEL COMICS INDEX

Read by the Marvel bullpen! Nearly 4,000 cover photos! The Marvel Universe at your fingertips in 14 parts. Spiderman \$4.70. Conan, Avengers, F.F. Thor, Dr. Strange \$5.25 each postpaid. All six \$28. Find out why over 10,000 fans worldwide read **COLLECTOR'S DREAM MAGAZINE**: eyeopening articles, buy & sell old comics etc. Sample 35 cents. 12 issues \$4.00. G&T ENTERPRISES, Box 127, Sta. T, Toronto, Ontario, Canada

3 MIL COMIC BAGS
 \$3.00 per 100 bags

Send 15¢ for sample bag & Marvel catalog
Empire Comics — Box M
 1560 Mt. Hope Ave. Rochester, N.Y. 14620

COMIC BOOKS **FOR SALE**

250,000 in stock. Complete Marvel & DC Groups from 1935—1978. Also TV Guides, Art, Mags., Pulp, Doc Savage, Walt Disney, Movie Items, Shadow, etc. from 1900—1978. We also buy. Send list with prices.

GIANT CATALOG 75¢
HOWARD M. ROGOFSKY
 P.O. Box 1102-Flushing, N.Y. 11354

BE TALLER

Learn Facts on HEIGHT INCREASE. DETAILS 35¢. **GUARANTEED.**
 TALL-UP Dept. 90881
 Box 426, Dayton, Ohio 45401

FREE COMIC LIST — SEND STAMP
GIANT COMIC LIST — SEND 50¢
PULP MAG. LIST — SEND \$1.00
AMERICAN COMIC BOOK CO.
 12206 VENTURA BLVD.
 STUDIO CITY, CALIF. 91604

25 LIVE SEAHORSES 2.98

Kit has two mated pairs of freshly caught sea horses, including ONE PREGNANT MALE, who will give birth in as early as 25 hours. Marine salt, food and instructions included plus a live marine snail. ABOVE EIT WITH CUSTOM AQUARIUM, SEA HORSE FEED, GRABELLA CORAL AND BELLA SAND \$5.98. LARGE DELUXE AQUARIUM AND ALL ABOVE ACCESSORIES WITH 5 MATED PAIRS OF SEA HORSES (2 PREGNANT MALES—OVER 50 SEA HORSES \$10.95)

All kits sent post. Via Air Mail Live Delivery Guaranteed
 Sea Horses, Dep MC 977, Box 1420W, Coral Gables, FL 33134

Marvel Comics Group CHECK LIST

AND PRICE LIST

OVER 100,000 COMICS IN STOCK! Send \$1.00 for complete list and 48-page Marvel Pocket Checklist with sample comic bag—50¢ for price list only!

ROBERT BELL
BOX 18 - NAUPPAUGE, N.Y. 11787

SPORTS & OLYMPICS COVER COLLECTORS
2 COVERS FOR ONLY \$1.

Beautifully illustrated, cacheted covers showing 1960 Olympic events held in Rome, Italy with Italian Olympic stamp and cancel. Illustrated events such as running, swimming, track and field events, women athletes, etc. in action. 2 Covers for only \$1 or our BIG OFFER of 15 Covers for \$5. All DIFFERENT! SALKIND, Box 812-76, Williamsbridge Station, Bronx, N.Y. 10467.

RARE OLD U.S. FLAG STAMPS.
 From American Presidents, Congressmen. ON APPROVAL. 10c mailing charges.
METROPOLITAN STAMPS, Box 450 JR, MONSEY New York, 10962

50 U.S. COMMEMORATIVES 25¢
 ALL DIFFERENT
 Fine Used U.S. Approvals, Accompany **CRAIG STAMPS**
 Box 425C Bellmore, N.Y. 11710

New Issues—New Countries—Triangles—Rockets—Olympics—Scouts—Birds—Flowers—Animals—ALSO Old Canadian and U.S. postage stamps. All genuine. Plus complete, illustrated Canadian Stamp Catalog. Send ten cents for mailing.
Gray Stamp Co., R Toronto, Canada M4W 2M2

50 YEARS OLD
 15 different U.S. stamps at least 50 years old—29¢ with low priced U.S. approvals
JAXON STAMP COMPANY
 P.O. Box C11-C, New Rochelle, N.Y. 10804

COMPLETE MARVEL COMICS SELLING LIST!
 DC Comics and Magazine selling list! Golden and Silver Age Comic Catalog! Huge Buying list! Comic Gift Coupon! You must send a 13¢ stamp or 15¢ to: D. Belmont 50 Greenway Road Rochester NY 14610

HUGE MUSCLES FAST
 Build MUSCLES FAST. Details 35¢. **Guaranteed**
MUSCLE Dept. 90881
 232 W. Front St., Napoleon, OH 43545

COMIC BOOK BACK ISSUES

Send only 25 cents for my "Bonus" Package and Detailed Price List of 150,000 MARVEL-DC-DELL-OTHER comics now in stock. You will receive **FREE** my "Comics as a Hobby" booklet, two issues of my "Comics" Newsletter and a First-order "Bonus" Premium. Satisfaction Guaranteed with my fast, dependable, "SUPER SERVICE."

MAX SEELEY
 SUITE 700, 1116 SHERBROOKE STREET WEST
 MONTREAL, CANADA H3A 1H3

Marvel Comics Back Issues For Sale **FREE** giant new buying & selling list now available. Over 250,000 Marvels listed in Good, Fine & Mint condition. Huge inventory of key GOLDEN AGE DCs, Timelys, etc. Low prices. Fast service. Try us; you'll like us. R. Crestohl, 4969 Victoria Ave. Montreal, Can.

POEMS

See how your words can be turned into a song. Songs recorded, phonograph records made. Send your best poems or songs for prompt **FREE** information.
CROWN MUSIC CO.
 1270 Broadway Studio 11 New York 10001

The Mighty Meat Snack conquers The Horrible Hungries.

You've tangled with the Hungries before. They sneak up behind you at the library, and make your stomach growl until your face turns red. They strike when you're halfway home from school, at least ten minutes from the nearest sandwich.

If you want to be ready, next time the Hungries come around, try taking along your pocket-size secret weapon.

Slim Jim.[®] The mighty meat snack you can carry anywhere, and eat anytime. In six Hungries-conquering flavors—mild, spicy, pizza, bacon, salami, and pepperoni.

So pick up Slim Jim the next time you stop by the grocery store.

If you don't, and the Hungries get you, don't say we didn't warn you.

**A little less than a meal.
A little more than a snack.**



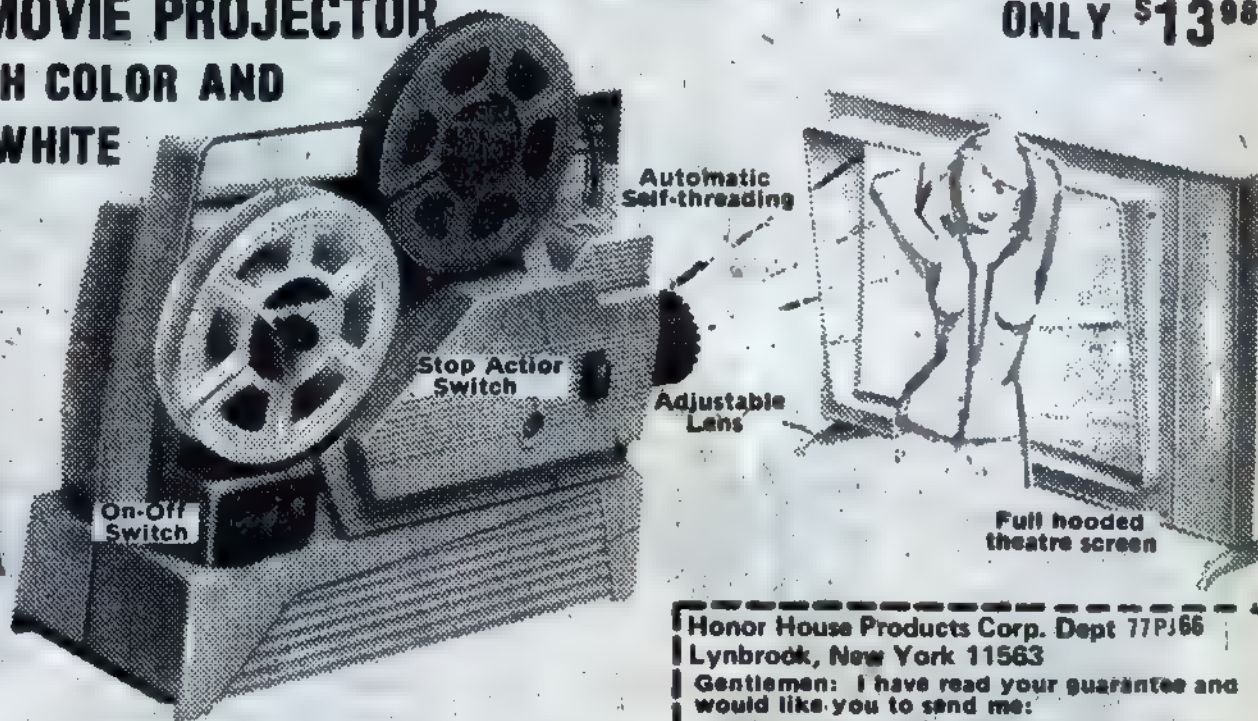
• Slim Jim is a registered trademark for meat snacks

Our Best MOVIE PROJECTOR SHOWS BOTH COLOR AND BLACK & WHITE FILM

ONLY \$13⁹⁸

FREE

Add three dimensional thrills to your viewing. 3-D Stereo Specs make flat, ordinary movies seem so lifelike that you'll want to reach out and touch them. You get one pair FREE—additional pairs are \$2.98 each.



- Luminous, hooded screen at no extra charge. • Miracle film self-threader.
- Precision ground, adjustable lenses. • Rugged construction for long life.
- Stop action switch for frame by frame enjoyment.

This deluxe 8MM home movie projector has many features that you might expect to find only in projectors costing many times more. It's fully battery operated for complete portability and comes with its own hooded screen to let you see movies even in broad daylight. The built in film threader takes the start of the film and automatically attaches it to the take up reel. Even has a stop action switch to let pinpoint the scenes you especially want to enjoy. This rugged long-lasting projector is only \$13.98 (batteries not included).

10 DAY FREE TRIAL GUARANTEE.

Try either the Deluxe or Regular Projector for ten days at our risk. If you aren't delighted, return it for a prompt refund—no questions asked!

Honor House Products Corp. Dept 77P166
Lynbrook, New York 11563

Gentlemen: I have read your guarantee and would like you to send me:

- ☐ The deluxe projector. I enclose \$13.98 plus \$1 for postage and handling.
- ☐ The regular projector. I enclose \$9.98 plus \$1 postage and handling.

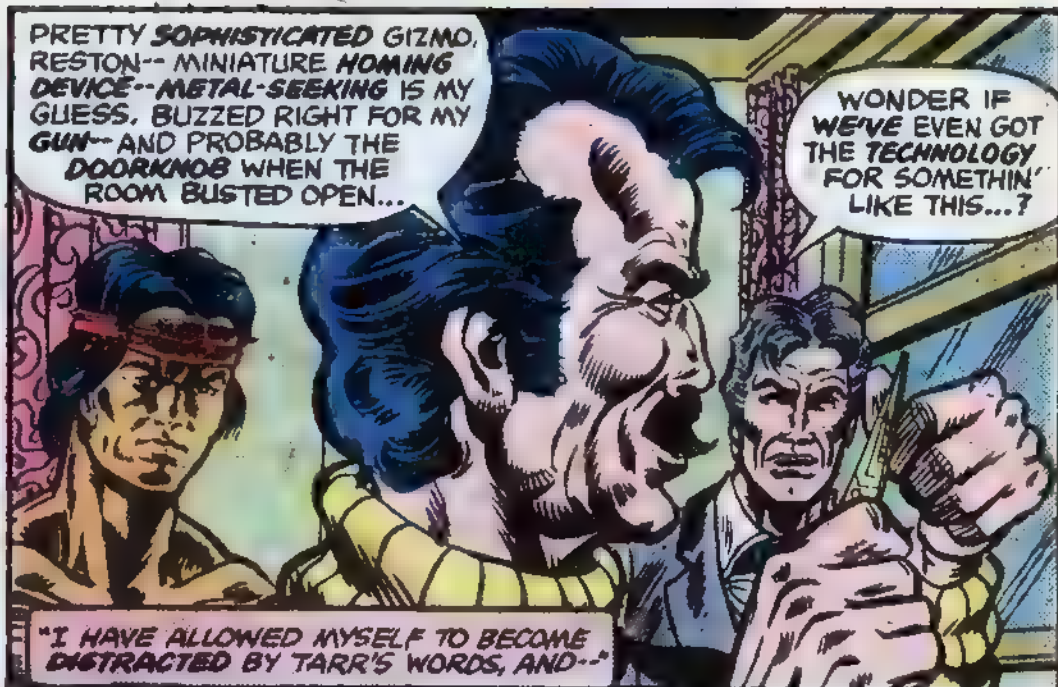
☐ Send the ☐ Deluxe, or ☐ Regular (check your choice) COD. I enclose \$1 deposit and will pay postman the balance plus COD charges.

☐ Send additional STEREO SPECS at \$2.98 (Fill in amount desired).

NAME _____
ADDRESS _____
CITY _____ STATE _____
ZIP _____
New York State Residents please add sales tax.



AS I WAS SAYIN'-- MAYBE WE CAN PICK UP SOME CLUES FROM HIS WEAPONRY...



PRETTY SOPHISTICATED GIZMO, RESTON-- MINIATURE HOMING DEVICE-- METAL-SEEKING IS MY GUESS, BUZZED RIGHT FOR MY GUN-- AND PROBABLY THE DOORKNOB WHEN THE ROOM BUSTED OPEN...

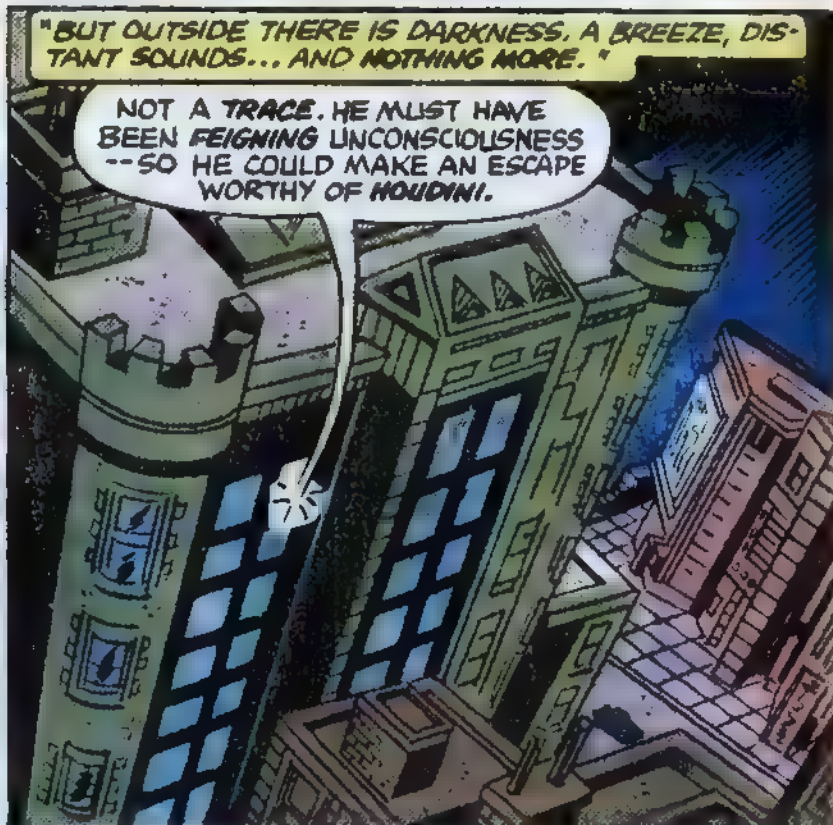
WONDER IF WE'VE EVEN GOT THE TECHNOLOGY FOR SOMETHIN' LIKE THIS...?

"I HAVE ALLOWED MYSELF TO BECOME DISTRACTED BY TARR'S WORDS, AND--"



HE'S GONE--!!

WHAT?! BUT HE COULDN'T'VE GOTTEN FAST US TO THE DOOR...! CHECK THE WINDOW-- FAST!



"BUT OUTSIDE THERE IS DARKNESS, A BREEZE, DISTANT SOUNDS... AND NOTHING MORE."

NOT A TRACE. HE MUST HAVE BEEN FEIGNING UNCONSCIOUSNESS --SO HE COULD MAKE AN ESCAPE WORTHY OF HOUDINI.

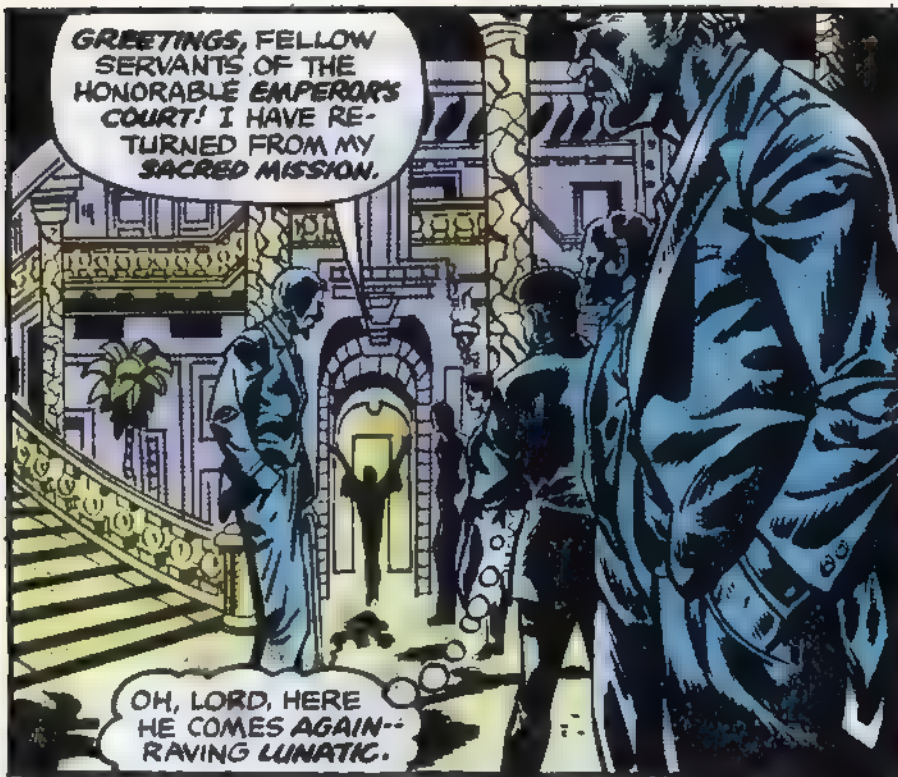


NO, RESTON, WORTHY OF A JAPANESE NINJA.



NEVER MIND THAT-- I JUST REALIZED SOMETHIN'...

HOW DID HE KNOW WHERE TO ATTACK-- THAT WE WERE HERE? THE ONLY ONE WHO KNOWS I'VE TAKEN A ROOM HERE IS... SIR DENIS.



GREETINGS, FELLOW SERVANTS OF THE HONORABLE EMPEROR'S COURT! I HAVE RETURNED FROM MY SACRED MISSION.

OH, LORD, HERE HE COMES AGAIN-- RAVING LUNATIC.



IT IS TIME FOR THE SLAYER IN DARKNESS TO RETIRE, BUT ONE OF MY FELLOW WARRIORS SHALL BE WITH YOU SOON.

NO DOUBT, LORD, WHAT A STINKING ASSIGNMENT THIS IS.



AT LEAST IT'S EASY. HUMORING HIM AND MAKING DAILY REPORTS --WAY I SEE IT, THEY PROBABLY FED HIM SOME DRUGS AND NEED US TO OBSERVE THE EFFECTS.

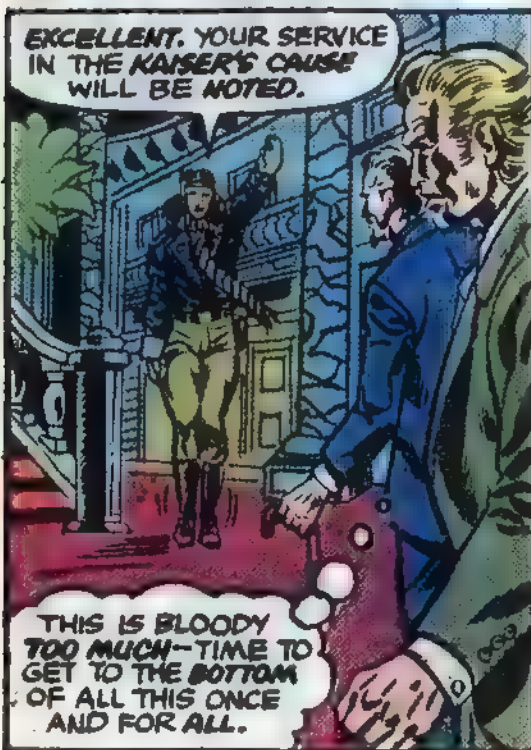
YEAH? AND WHO OBSERVES THE EFFECTS WHEN HE'S AWAY FROM THIS LOUSY CASTLE ALL THE TIME? I SAY IT'S--



MECHANICS--IS MY CRAFT PREPARED FOR FLIGHT? THE RED BARON MUST DEPART.



YES, IT'S BEEN READY FOR THE PAST THREE DAYS-- EVER SINCE YOU FIRST TOLD US TO GET IT READY.



EXCELLENT. YOUR SERVICE IN THE KAISER'S CAUSE WILL BE NOTED.

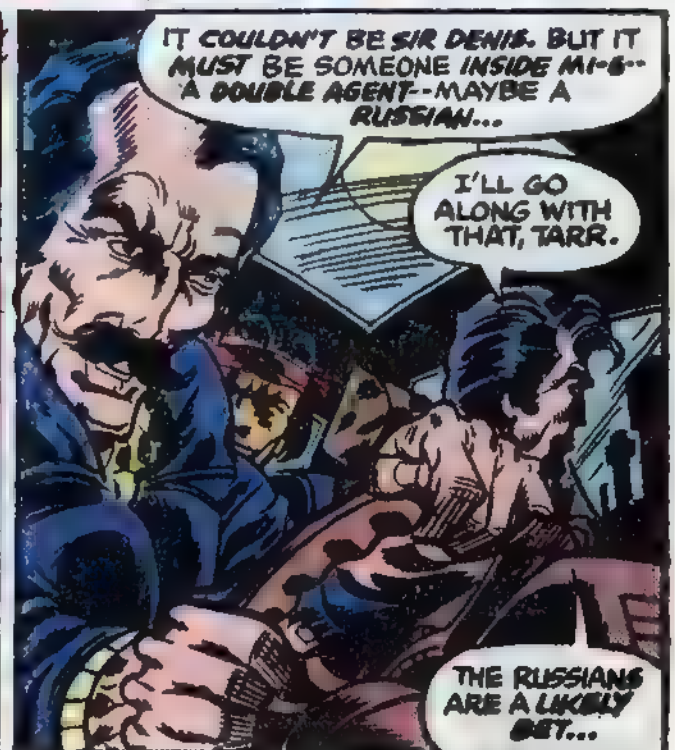
THIS IS BLOODY TOO MUCH--TIME TO GET TO THE BOTTOM OF ALL THIS ONCE AND FOR ALL.



"DAWN: UNWILLING TO REMAIN AT THE HOTEL, WE HAVE DRIVEN ALL NIGHT, AND NOW HALT..."

MUST'VE SHAKEN ANY POSSIBLE TAILS BY NOW...

ALL RIGHT, SO WE AGREE ON THE PLAN. AN' I STILL DON'T CARE WHAT EITHER OF YOU THINK...



IT COULDN'T BE SIR DENIS. BUT IT MUST BE SOMEONE INSIDE MI-6-- A DOUBLE AGENT--MAYBE A RUSSIAN...

I'LL GO ALONG WITH THAT, TARR.

THE RUSSIANS ARE A LIKELY BET...



MARVEL BULLPEN BULLETINS

ARCHIE GOODWIN, Editor • JIM SHOOTER, Associate Editor • ROGER SLIFER, ROGER STERN, ED HANNIGAN, RALPH MACCHID, Assistant Editors • ROY THOMAS, LEN WEIN, MARV WOLFGAN, STEVE GERBER, JACK KIRBY, Consulting Editors • JOHN ROMITA, MARIE SEVERIN, Art Directors • JOHN VERPOORTEN, Production Manager • IRVING FORBUSH, Grape-stomper

STAN LEE'S SOAPBOX

Hi, gang! Before we get to the really heavy stuff, I just wanna say thanks to Gregg Marcus of the welcoming committee at the University of Alabama for arriving early enough at the hotel, after my lecture, to get me to the airport in time for the early flight back to New York. It was above and beyond the call of duty, Gregg, and thou mayest consider thyself summarily no-prized! Incidentally, for those of you who've never been to the U. of Alabama, I've got to tell you that the campus, and the tiny but terrific town of Tuscaloosa are really something else! Y'know, writing, editing, and publishing are great—but I think I enjoy visiting various colleges around the country more than anything else. I can't begin to describe the excitement of meeting Marvelites on campuses all over America (Canada and Mexico included) and being turned on by their awareness and enthusiasm! And speaking of enthusiasm, have I told you how thrilled I am to be able to announce that one of comicdom's greatest talents has rejoined the Bullpen after, lo, these many years? Yep, none other than the almost legendary Carmine Infantino, one of the acknowledged giants in the world of opical Carmine Infantino, whose inspired artwork over the years has set the style for so many others who followed in his stead; whose contributions to the comic book industry are too numerous to mention in this one column; and whose extraordinary genius will knock your eyes out in SPIDER-WOMAN #1, on sale in July—as well as in issue #2 of THE HUMAN FLY, plus various issues of DAREDEVIL, NOVA, and other Marvel masterworks. Welcome aboard, old friend—the best is just ahead! But before I turn you loose, there's one other earth-shattering announcement I've been bustin' to make! Are you ready for this? Starting Monday, June 6th, HOWARD THE DUCK will burst forth like a meteor from the comic pages of newspapers from coast to coast! If he doesn't appear in your own town, write to the feature editor of your local newspaper and demand that such cultural deprivation be immediately rectified! First SPIDER-MAN—presently appearing in more than 300 lucky papers—and now, HOWARD THE DUCK! Who says this isn't the Marvel Age of Magnificent Munificence?!! So, till the Silver Surfer gets a crew-cut, be good to each other. And, if you can spare a minute or two, take a turtle to tea!

Excelsior!

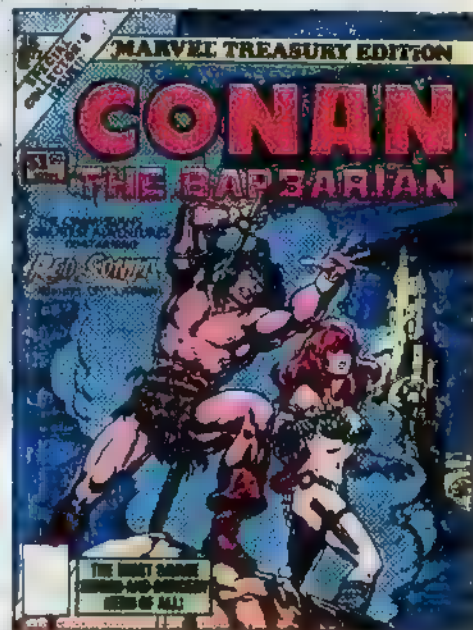
Stan

ITEM! When comic book art aficionados get together, someone sooner or later points out the strong similarity between the visual techniques of comics and those of the movies. You'd certainly get no arguments from these quarters, as just about every sturdy soul in the Bullpen is a dyed-in-the-wool movie buff. Maybe that's why 1977 is shaping up as the year when merry Marvel and the wild world of the movies really come together. In addition to such continuing tie-in titles as STAR WARS, we're about to launch a number of bonus-size, one-issue film adaptations, timed to appear at the same time as the movies which they cover. The first one to come your way is based on American-International's THE ISLAND OF DR. MOREAU starring Burt Lancaster, Michael York, Richard Basehart, and Barbara Carrera. This eerie classic is from the book by H.G. Wells about an island empire populated by the half-human beings Dr. Moreau creates from wild animals. These *Humanimals*™ may well be the most sinister sensations to hit screen or comics pages since the movies (and Marvel) introduced everyone to the wonders of a certain world of talking apes. Certainly writer DOUG MOENCH and artist LARRY HAMA (Remember his standout stint as penciler on IRON FIST back in the old MARVEL PREMIERE days?) have given it one of their best jobs, the kind that has the whole Bullpen buzzing. But don't take our word for it; pick it up and see for yourself!

ITEM! As we said, ISLAND OF DR. MOREAU is only the beginning. Soon to follow will be our version of THE DEEP, the film of JAWS author Peter Benchley. A novel of sharks (A whole school, not just one!), deep sea treasure, and a giant eel. After that, we'll be tackling CLOSE ENCOUNTERS OF A THIRD KIND, the movie about UFOs that we think is going to hit the seventies with the same kind of impact 2001: A SPACE ODYSSEY struck the sixties. And these are just the projects we can tell you about. There are some others in the works too secret to mention for the moment, like the special photo-mag that has our whole black and white department huddling together mysteriously like spies in an IAN FLEMING book or—oops! Forget we said that! Just remember to watch this space for further developments.

ITEM! Word from the West Coast has it that JACK "King" KIRBY is hard at work developing an exciting new feature. No details yet from California's most constant innovator, but by this time next month, we hope to have the full scoop for you. Meanwhile, Mister Machine, the decidedly different super-hero Jack's introduced in his monthly 2001 book, has already started garnering rave reactions, with more than a few suggesting that this mechanical man with soul be given a book of his own. That's a matter better decided in the future, but you can still catch this hero-in-the-making if you move quickly right now.

ITEM! The parade of summer annuals is now moving into high gear, with the INVADERS, SPIDER-MAN, and HOWARD THE DUCK annuals all set for appearances this month, and THOR, THE ETERNALS, TARZAN, and JOHN CARTER, WARLORD OF MARS on tap for July. In addition to what we feel is some extra-special material designed for the main body of the books (such as Howard meeting the Man-Thing, and Thor teaming with the Guardians of the Galaxy), we'd like to call your attention to the short back-up features which are going into many of the annuals. These were designed to give our overworked regulars a few pages of breathing space, and, more importantly, to give some talented new writers, pencilers, and inkers a chance to display their work before the most discerning critics of all... you, our readers. Some of the contributors to these off-beat short adventures you may be slightly familiar with; many, however, will be strangers, exhibiting their work for the first time; some may become comics stars of tomorrow. Look at them carefully, let us know what you think. We're depending on you.



ITEM! With all the items we've already mentioned, you wouldn't think we'd have anything else special that we can lay on you this month, but we can't close without mentioning that this is the month that the premiere issue of THE HUMAN FLY, the real-life death-defier, hits the newsstands, and a new CONAN TREASURY EDITION comes your way, made-up mostly of material that has never been seen in color comics and featuring the artistry of JOHN BUSCEMA, BARRY SMITH, NEAL ADAMS and GIL KANE, perfectly packaged by editor/writer ROY THOMAS. Let's face it, gang, like June, Marvel is busting out all over!



Hostess® brings you 2 delicious All-Star snacks: Hostess Cup Cakes and Twinkies®



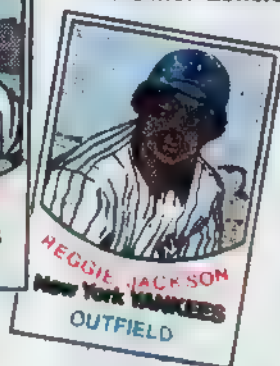
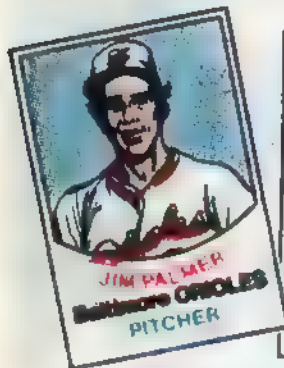
What a lineup!
Golden sponge cake and
creamed filling.
—That's Hostess Twinkies
Cakes. Chocolate icing over
moist devil's food cake—oh, man!
—That's Hostess Cup Cakes.
Both home-run hitters.
Ask Mom, she knows!



3 Free Baseball Cards

Collect 'em. Trade 'em.

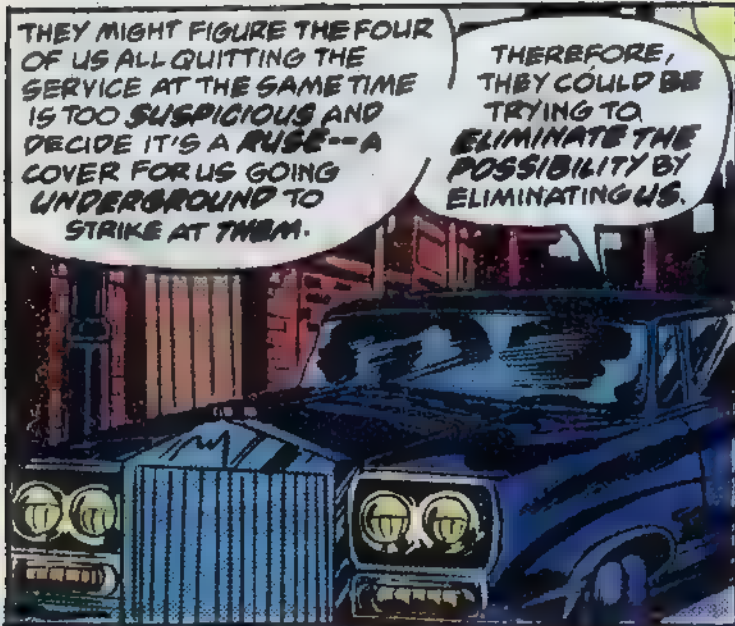
3 full-color cards printed on the
bottom of every specially marked box of
Suzy Q's®, Twinkies Cakes, Cup Cakes,
and other delicious Hostess Snacks.*



A total of 150
major league baseball cards full of player facts.

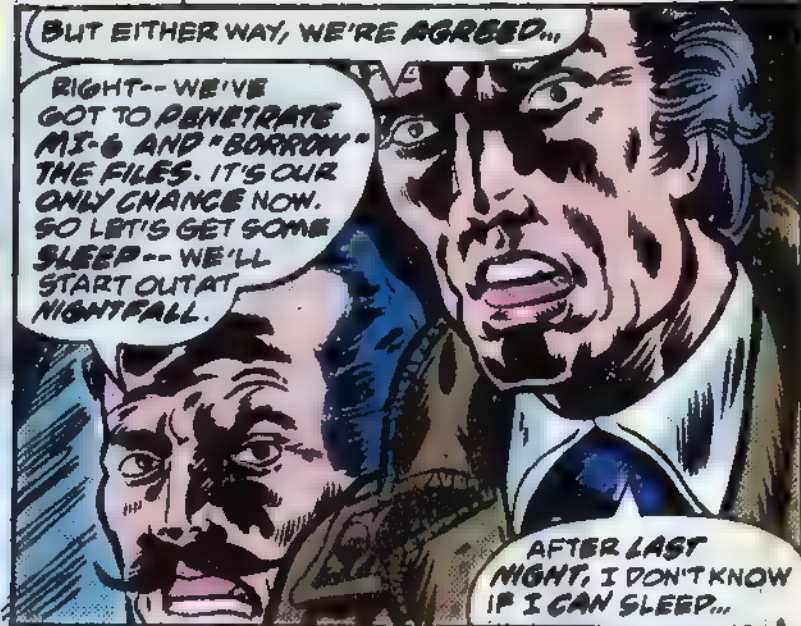
*Available in most areas.
Offer expires August 27, 1977.

*Hostess, Twinkies and Suzy Q's are registered trademarks of ITT Continental Baking Company.



THEY MIGHT FIGURE THE FOUR OF US ALL QUITTING THE SERVICE AT THE SAME TIME IS TOO SUSPICIOUS AND DECIDE IT'S A RUSE--A COVER FOR US GOING UNDERGROUND TO STRIKE AT THEM.

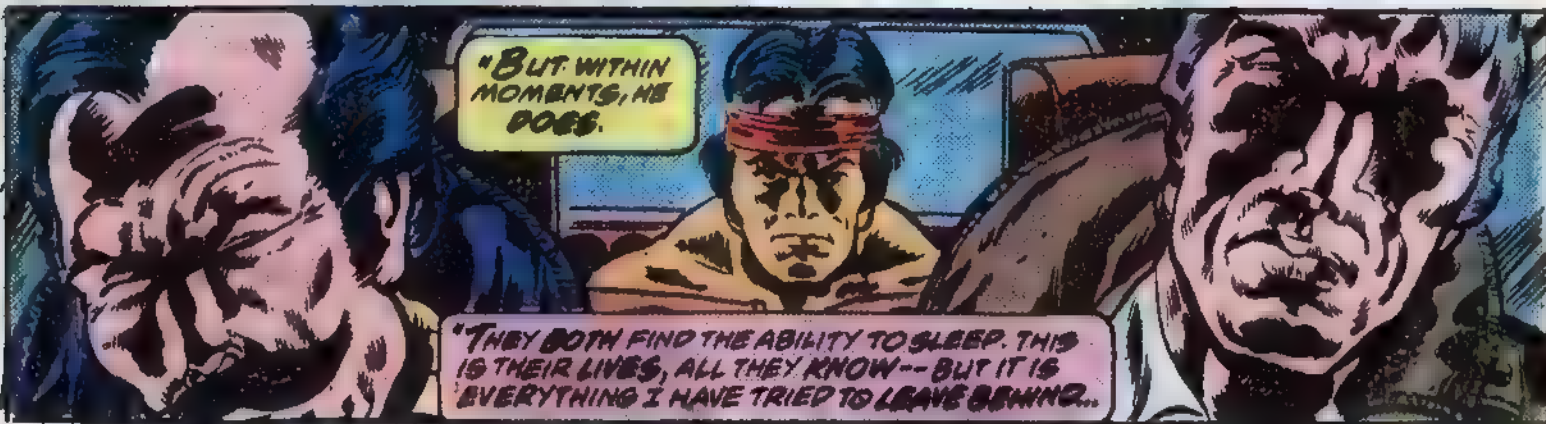
THEREFORE, THEY COULD BE TRYING TO ELIMINATE THE POSSIBILITY BY ELIMINATING US.



BUT EITHER WAY, WE'RE AGREED...

RIGHT-- WE'VE GOT TO PENETRATE MI-6 AND "BORROW" THE FILES. IT'S OUR ONLY CHANCE NOW. SO LET'S GET SOME SLEEP-- WE'LL START OUT AT NIGHTFALL.

AFTER LAST NIGHT, I DON'T KNOW IF I CAN SLEEP...



"BUT WITHIN MOMENTS, HE DOES.

"THEY BOTH FIND THE ABILITY TO SLEEP. THIS IS THEIR LIVES, ALL THEY KNOW-- BUT IT IS EVERYTHING I HAVE TRIED TO LEAVE BEHIND...

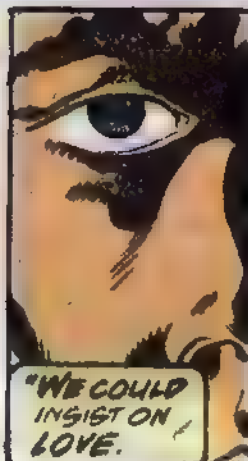
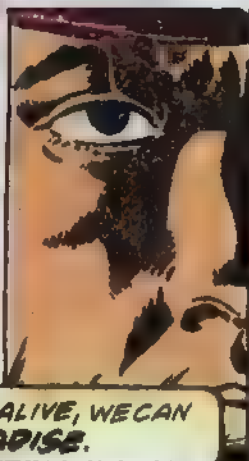


"I WANT NONE OF IT.

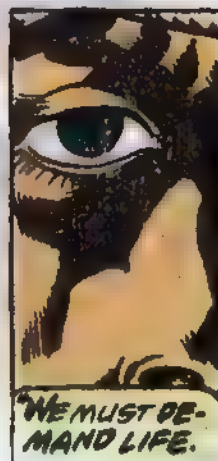


"I WANT ONLY LETKO.

"IF SHE IS STILL ALIVE, WE CAN ASK FOR PARADISE.



"WE COULD INSIST ON LOVE.



"WE MUST DEMAND LIFE.



"I WILL HOPE FOR ALL THREE..."



NEVER THOUGHT GETTING TO THE BOTTOM OF SOMETHING COULD INVOLVE CLIMBING 60 HIGH.

BUT AFTER ALL THOSE STAIRS, THERE'S GOT TO BE--



--SOMETHING BEHIND THIS DOOR...

WHAT THE--? A BLOODY DUNGEON WITH A WOMAN IN IT-- CHINESE...



WHO ARE YOU?

I MIGHT ASK THE SAME OF YOU, GIRLIE. I KNEW THERE WAS MORE TO THIS THAN MET THE EYE--AND WHILE I DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU'RE DOING HERE, OR WHAT TO DO ABOUT IT, I THINK I'LL REPORT IT TO SOMEONE WHO WILL KNOW...

"I AWAKEN, TO REALIZE FOR THE FIRST TIME THAT I SLEPT--IT IS NIGHT."

WELL, LET'S GO. IF ANYONE CAN CRACK MI-6'S SECURITY, IT OUGHTTA BE US.

I JUST HOPE WE--

EH--? WHAT THE DEVIL IS THAT DRONING? SOUNDS LIKE IT'S COMIN' FROM UP--

LORD ALMIGHTY!

A TRIPLANE!!

EIGHTY KILLS--SEVENTY-NINE BRITISH AND ONE BELGIAN-- AND NOW FRANK RYAN VON RICH- NOFAN DOWN THE EIGHTY-FIRST CRAFT OF THE KAISER'S ENEMIES!!

AN' IT'S BUZZIN' US--!!

IT'S COMIN' DOWN--RIGHT INTO THE STREET--STRAFIN' US WITH THE SAME KINDA LASER BEAM--

--CUTTIN' THE WHOLE FRONT END OF THE CAR RIGHT OFF!!

OH, NO. YOU'RE CERTAIN OF THIS-- CERTAIN OF THE CHINESE GIRL'S DESCRIPTION?

YES... VERY WELL... I'LL HAVE ORDERS FOR YOU WHEN YOU MAKE YOUR NEXT REGULAR REPORT.

I TOLD YOU I DIDN'T LIKE THIS. WAR-YORE'S REALLY GONE OFF THE DEEP END NOW--AND WE'LL HAVE THE DEVIL TO PAY! HE'S TAKEN LEIKO WU-- BUT HE'S DECIDED TO DIS-OBEY ORDERS AND KEEP HER ALIVE!

SO AT THE WORST, WE'LL HAVE TO ELIMINATE HIM AND DISPOSE OF HER OURSELVES...

AND IN THE MEANTIME, HE MIGHT STILL TAKE CARE OF OTHERS.

"THE MASK OF THE NINJA IS GONE, REPLACED BY A NEW MADNESS."

WELL, I GUESS IT'S BEEN NICE KNOWIN' YOU TWO--

--CUZ HERE HE COMES AGAIN!!

**NEXT
ISSUE**

THE THROTTLE RIPS WIDE OPEN FOR A RAID ON MI-6-- AND THEN, THE ASSAULT ON WAR-YORE'S LAIR-- ALL IN...

**CALL IT
THUNDER!**

100 PC. TOY SOLDIER SET

\$1.75

MADE OF DURABLE PLASTIC, EACH WITH ITS OWN BASE.



**PACKED IN THIS
PASTECARD
FOOTLOCKER
TOY STORAGE BOX**

DIMENSIONS:
6 1/2" x 3" x 2 1/8"

EACH FOOTLOCKER CONTAINS:

- | | | |
|---------------|------------------|--------------|
| 4 Tanks | 8 Machinegunners | 4 Bombers |
| 4 Jeeps | 8 Sharpshooters | 4 Trucks |
| 4 Battleships | 4 Infantrymen | 8 Jet Planes |
| 4 Cruisers | 8 Officers | 8 Cannon |
| 4 Sailors | 8 Waves | 4 Bazookamen |
| 4 Riflemen | 8 Wacs | 4 Marksman |

Imaginary Battle Scene Shown

LUCKY PRODUCTS, INC. Dept. TM-2
BOX 536 NO
WESTBURY, L.I., N.Y. 11590 C.O.D.

HERE'S MY \$1.75

Rush the TOY SOLDIER SET TO ME!
If not satisfied I may return merchandise for full refund!

Name

Address

City State Zip

Allow 5-6 weeks for delivery.

No Canadian or foreign orders accepted!

**EARN
FAMOUS
NAME**

PRIZES OR CASH

**THE EASY
OLYMPIC
WAY!**

FREE SAMPLE CARDS

EARN \$1.00 A BOX



2 WAYS TO GET STARTED FAST!

JOIN THE EASIER, FASTER WAY!

Use Olympic's "HOT LINE" MemberPhone. IT'S FREE!
DIAL (TOLL FREE)

1-800-528-6050*

(In Arizona: 1-602-955-9714)



ASK FOR EXTENSION 319 . . .

Any day . . . Any hour! Give our operator your name, address (zip code please), and our Department Number 77MC6.

*PLEASE...MemberPhone operators can only enroll new members...cannot answer questions or inquiries. Service not available from Alaska, Hawaii, or Puerto Rico... (please use coupon).

**PHONE
US
FREE**

**FILL IN
OR
COUPON
& MAIL**

YOU CAN GET THESE and many, many other valuable prizes — or cash — simply by selling beautiful Olympic IMPRINTED CHRISTMAS CARDS, ALL-OCCASION CARDS, STATIONERY, AND GIFTS. Olympic offers more variety! The Olympic way is the IN way! Here's why . . .

OLYMPIC SAMPLE BOOK IS FREE! It contains samples of fast-selling Olympic products — and it's yours to keep. We don't send you merchandise in advance. With Olympic, you never have to worry about paying for, or returning, merchandise you don't sell.

OLYMPIC CARDS ARE GREAT! The Imprinted Christmas Cards and the All-Occasion Cards are of such high quality they practically sell themselves. All you do is show your attractive Sample Book to friends, relatives, neighbors . . . and take their orders. Imprinted Christmas and All-Occasion Cards sell for as little as 10¢ PER CARD TO YOUR CUSTOMERS! With values like this, you can imagine how easy sales will be! Sell enough boxes to get the prizes you want — or keep \$1.00 per box.

IT'S EASY TO JOIN OLYMPIC! Call our MemberPhone number FREE . . . and give our operator your name and address. OR — fill in and mail coupon. Either way, we'll rush you your FREE Sample Book, FREE Membership Card, and FREE Catalog of Prizes. There's ABSOLUTELY NO COST TO YOU — NO OBLIGATION! So don't delay — join Olympic TODAY!



OLYMPIC SALES CLUB, INC.
DEPT. 77MC6, ENFIELD, CT. 06082

OLYMPIC SALES CLUB, INC.

Dept. 77MC6, Enfield, Connecticut 06082

Enroll me as a member without dues or ANY obligation. Send me the FREE Catalog of Prizes, FREE Book of Sample Cards, FREE Membership Card — all of which I can keep — together with complete details on how to get prizes or cash the easy Olympic way!

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____ APT. _____

CITY _____

STATE _____ ZIP _____ AGE _____

**AN ANGRY THUNDERBOLT OF TERROR
EXPLODES OUT OF THE OCEAN'S DEPTHS!**

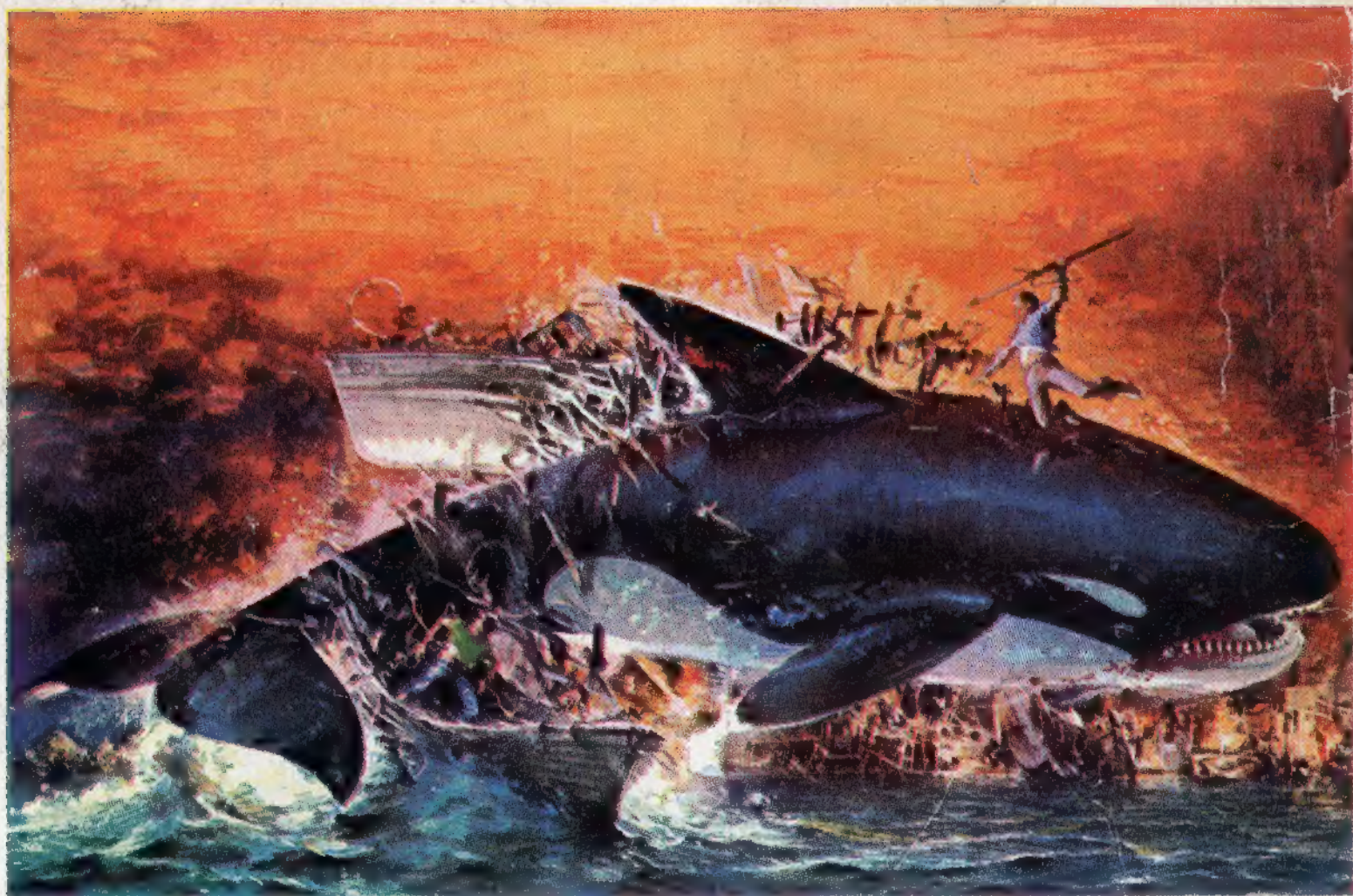
Orca, the killer whale, destroys sharks, ships
and men! He rules the ocean. He terrifies the earth.
He is without mercy and without equal!

Orca—the most powerful, the most fantastic
animal in all the world.!

Dino De Laurentiis
presents

ORCA

starring **Richard Harris** and **Charlotte Rampling**



Copyright MCMLXXVI Famous Films N.V. All Rights Reserved



Opening in July at a theatre near you.